

**ADMISSION TO  
THE UNIVERSITY:  
FIRST-TIME  
FRESHMEN**

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You will find the requirements necessary for admission to CSUS and other CSU campuses in the following section.\*

Contact your high school or community college counselor or an admission counselor at California State University, Sacramento if you have any questions.

**ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

You will qualify for regular admission as a first-time freshman if you:

1. are a high school graduate,
2. have a qualifying eligibility index (see Eligibility Index Table), and
3. have completed, with grades of C or better, each of the courses in the comprehensive pattern of college preparatory subject requirements (see "Subject Requirements").  
Courses must be completed prior to the first enrollment in the California State University.

**Eligibility Index**

The Eligibility Index is the combination of your high school grade point average and your score on either the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT I) or the American College Test (ACT). Your grade point average is based on grades earned during your final three years of high school (excluding physical education and military science) and bonus points for approved honors courses (see "Honors Courses"). CSU may offer you early, provisional admission based on your work completed through the junior year of high school and planned for your senior year.

You can calculate the index by multiplying your grade point average by 800 and adding your total score on the SAT I. Or, if you took the ACT, multiply your grade point average by 200 and add ten times the composite score from the ACT. If you are a California high

\* Requirements for admission to CSU, Sacramento are in accordance with Title 5, Chapter 1, Subchapter 3, of the California Code of Regulations.

school graduate (or a resident of California for tuition purposes), you need a minimum index of 2900 using the SAT I or 694 using the ACT; the Eligibility Index Table shows the combinations of test scores and grade point average required.

If you neither graduated from a California high school nor are a resident of California for tuition purposes, you need a minimum index of 3502 (SAT I) or 842 (ACT).

**Honors Courses**

Up to eight semesters of approved honors courses taken in the last two years of high school can be accepted. Each unit of A in an honors course will receive a total of 5 points; B, 4 points; and C, 3 points.

**Test Requirements**

Freshman applicants with grade point averages below 3.00 (3.61 for nonresidents) must submit scores from either the Scholastic Aptitude Test of the College Board (SAT I) or the American College Test (ACT). Applicants with grade point averages of 3.00 or above (3.61 for nonresidents) are exempt from the test requirements. You may get registration forms and the dates for either test from school or

college counselors or from a campus Testing Office. Or, you may write to:

The College Board (SAT I)  
Registration Unit, Box 592  
Princeton, New Jersey 08541  
(609) 771-7588

American College Testing  
Program (ACT)  
Registration Unit, P.O. Box 168  
Iowa City, Iowa 52240  
(319) 337-1270

However, you are urged to take the SAT I or ACT since all campuses use test results for advising and placement purposes.

You will qualify for regular admission when the university verifies that you have a qualifying eligibility index and will have completed the comprehensive pattern of college preparatory subjects, and if applying to an impacted campus or program, meet supplementary criteria. Supplementary criteria will be used to select applicants if more applications are received in the initial application filing period than can be accommodated in specific class level or program categories. These criteria are announced prior to the beginning of the application cycle.

Eligibility Index Table for California High School Graduates or Residents of California																										
GPA	ACT		SAT I	GPA	ACT		SAT I	GPA	ACT		SAT I	GPA	ACT		SAT I											
	Score	Score			Score	Score			Score	Score			Score	Score												
3.00 and above qualifies with any score	2.80	14	660	2.59	18	830	2.38	22	1000	2.17	26	1170	2.79	14	670	2.58	18	840	2.37	22	1010	2.16	27	1180		
	2.78	14	680	2.57	18	850	2.36	23	1020	2.15	27	1180	2.77	14	690	2.56	19	860	2.35	23	1020	2.14	27	1190		
	2.76	15	700	2.55	19	860	2.3	23	1030	2.13	27	1200	2.75	15	700	2.54	19	870	2.33	23	1040	2.12	27	1210		
2.99	10	510	2.74	15	710	2.53	19	880	2.32	23	1050	2.11	28	1220	2.74	15	710	2.53	19	880	2.32	23	1050	2.11	28	1220
2.98	10	520	2.73	15	720	2.52	19	890	2.31	24	1060	2.10	28	1220	2.73	15	720	2.52	19	890	2.31	24	1060	2.10	28	1220
2.97	10	530	2.72	15	730	2.51	20	900	2.30	24	1060	2.09	28	1230	2.72	15	730	2.51	20	900	2.30	24	1060	2.09	28	1230
2.96	11	540	2.71	16	740	2.50	20	900	2.29	24	1070	2.08	28	1240	2.71	16	740	2.50	20	910	2.28	24	1080	2.07	28	1250
2.95	11	540	2.70	16	740	2.49	20	910	2.28	24	1080	2.07	28	1250	2.70	16	740	2.49	20	910	2.27	24	1090	2.06	29	1260
2.94	11	550	2.69	16	750	2.48	20	920	2.27	24	1090	2.06	29	1260	2.69	16	750	2.48	20	920	2.27	24	1090	2.06	29	1260
2.93	11	560	2.68	16	760	2.47	20	930	2.26	25	1100	2.05	29	1260	2.68	16	760	2.47	20	930	2.26	25	1100	2.05	29	1260
2.92	11	570	2.67	16	770	2.46	21	940	2.25	25	1100	2.04	29	1270	2.67	16	770	2.46	21	940	2.25	25	1100	2.04	29	1270
2.91	12	580	2.66	17	780	2.45	21	940	2.24	25	1110	2.03	29	1280	2.66	17	780	2.45	21	940	2.24	25	1110	2.03	29	1280
2.90	12	580	2.65	17	780	2.44	21	950	2.23	25	1120	2.02	29	1290	2.65	17	780	2.44	21	950	2.23	25	1120	2.02	29	1290
2.89	12	590	2.64	17	790	2.43	21	960	2.22	25	1130	2.01	30	1300	2.64	17	790	2.43	21	960	2.22	25	1130	2.01	30	1300
2.88	12	600	2.63	17	800	2.42	21	970	2.21	26	1140	2.00	30	1300	2.63	17	800	2.42	21	970	2.21	26	1140	2.00	30	1300
2.87	12	610	2.62	17	810	2.41	22	980	2.20	26	1140	Below 2.0 does not qualify for regular admission	2.62	17	810	2.41	22	980	2.20	26	1140					
2.86	13	620	2.61	18	820	2.40	22	980	2.19	26	1150															
2.85	13	620	2.60	18	820	2.39	22	990	2.18	26	1160															
2.84	13	630																								

Graduates of secondary schools in foreign countries must be judged to have academic preparation and abilities equivalent to applicants eligible under this section.

### Subject Requirements

The California State University requires that first-time freshman applicants complete, with grades of C or better, a comprehensive pattern of college preparatory courses totaling 15 units. A "unit" is one year of study in high school.

**English**, 4 years

**Mathematics**, 3 years: algebra, geometry, and intermediate algebra

**U.S. History or U.S. History and Government**, 1 year

**Science**, 1 year with laboratory: biology, chemistry, physics, or other acceptable laboratory science

**Foreign Language**, 2 years in the same language (subject to waiver for applicants demonstrating equivalent competence)

**Visual and Performing Arts**, 1 year: art, dance, drama/theater, or music.

**Electives**, 3 years: selected from English, advanced mathematics, social science, history, laboratory science, foreign language, visual and performing arts, and agriculture

### Subject Requirement Flexibility

Beginning with the academic year 1995-96 and continuing through 1997-98, the CSU will conduct an "admission experiment" that permits campuses to admit applications who have completed all of the University of California college preparatory (a-f) requirements.

### Foreign Language Subject Requirement

The foreign language subject requirement may be satisfied by applicants who demonstrate competence in a language other than English equivalent to or higher than expected of students who

complete two years of foreign language study. Consult with your school counselor or any CSU admissions or school/college relations office for information.

### Subject Requirement Substitution for Students with Disabilities.

Disabled student applicants are strongly encouraged to complete college preparatory course requirements if at all possible. If an applicant is judged unable to fulfill a specific course requirement because of his or her disability, alternate college preparatory courses may be substituted for specific subject requirements.

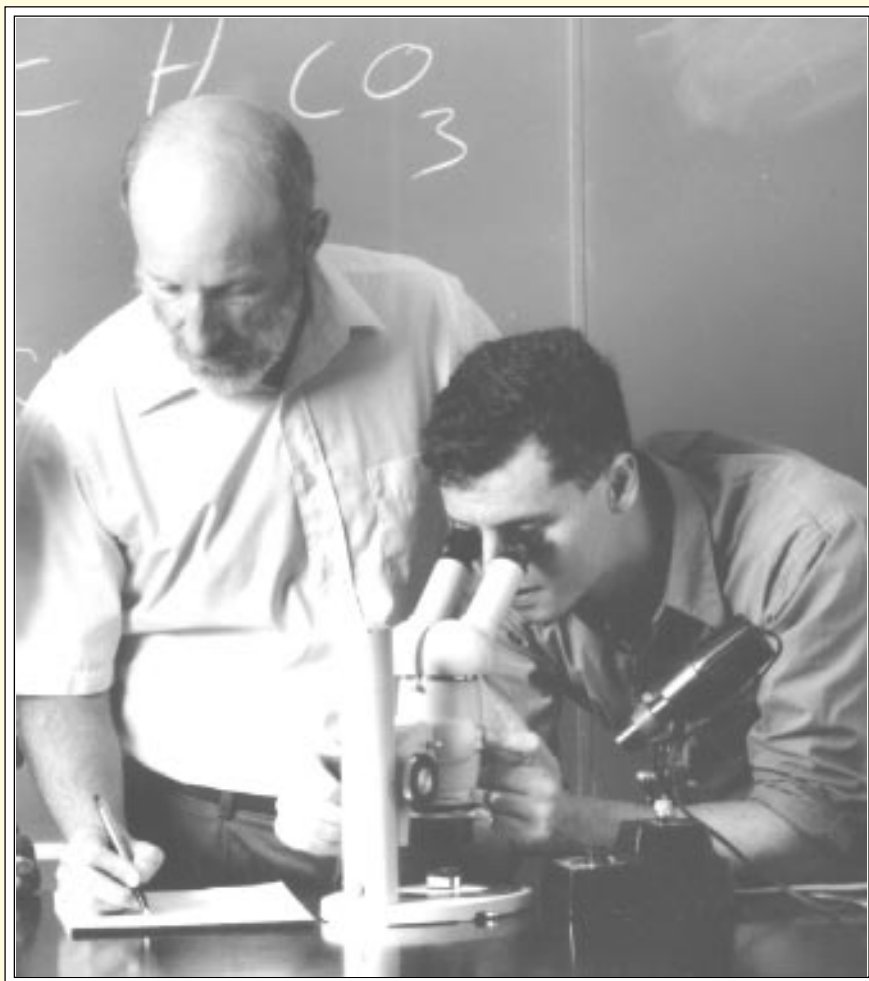
Substitutions may be authorized on an individual basis after review and recommendation by the applicant's academic advisor or guidance counselor in consultation with the Director of a CSU Disabled Student Services Program. Although the distribution may be slightly different from the

course pattern required of other students, students qualifying for substitutions will still be held for 15 units of college preparatory study.

Students should be aware that course substitutions may limit later enrollment in certain majors, particularly those involving mathematics. For further information and substitution forms, please call the Director of Disabled Student Services at your nearest CSU campus.

### Provisional Admission

California State University, Sacramento may provisionally admit first-time freshman applicants based on their academic preparation through the junior year of high school and planned for the senior year. The campus will monitor the senior year of study to ensure that those students complete their senior year of studies satisfactorily, including the required college preparatory subjects, and graduate from high school.



## INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

The CSU must assess the academic preparation of foreign students. For this purpose, “foreign students” include those who hold U.S. visas as students, exchange visitors, or in other nonimmigrant classifications. Foreign visa students graduating from U.S. high schools after three years of attendance will be admitted as freshmen under the same requirements as graduates of California high schools by use of the eligibility index. Those graduating from foreign high schools (or from California high schools after less than three years of attendance) may be admitted if their achievement is equivalent to that of eligible California high school graduates.

### TOEFL Requirement

All undergraduate applicants, regardless of citizenship, who have not attended schools at the secondary level or above (for at least three years full-time) where English is the principal language of instruction must present a minimum score of 510 on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). Other CSU campuses may require a higher score. Please contact the Evaluations office in Lassen Hall for a precise definition of acceptable coursework.

## SPECIAL ADMISSION CATEGORIES

**Adult Students.** As an alternate to regular admission criteria, an applicant who is 25 years of age or older may be considered for admission as an adult student if he/she meets all of the following conditions:

1. possesses a high school diploma (or has established equivalence through either the Tests of General Educational Development or the California High School Proficiency Examination).
2. has not been enrolled in college as a full-time student for more than one term during the past five years.

3. has earned a C average or better, if there has been any college attendance in the last five years.

Consideration will be based upon a judgment as to whether the applicant is as likely to succeed as a regularly admitted freshman and will include an assessment of basic skills in the English language and mathematical computation.

### The Educational Opportunity

**Program.** EOP provides assistance to students from low-income and low-education families among California residents who wish to pursue a college education. It is designed as a special admission and support program for students who possess the potential and motivation to succeed.

**Veterans.** Veterans of United States active duty military service with honorable discharges applying for admission within four years of their date of discharge and who are also California residents, may be admitted as first-time freshmen, even though such applicants are not otherwise eligible. Veterans who wish to be admitted under this provision should contact an Admissions Counselor.

### High School Non-Graduates.

Applicants over 18 years of age who have not graduated from high school are considered for admission only when their preparation in all other ways is such that CSU, Sacramento believes their promise of academic success is equivalent to that of eligible California high school graduates. These applicants may be required to submit scores of the ACT or SAT I. Applicants should consult with an Admissions Counselor concerning eligibility for admission.

**High School Students.** Students still enrolled in high school will be considered for enrollment in certain special programs if recommended by their principal and the appropriate campus department chair and if their preparation is equivalent to that required of eligible California high school graduates. Such admission is only for a given program and does not

constitute the right to continued enrollment. These programs include (1) Accelerated College Entrance (ACE) for talented students who can benefit from accelerated academic studies, (2) Capitol Center MESA for underrepresented students in CSU mathematics, engineering and science programs, (3) the Special High School Student program for underrepresented students majoring in programs other than mathematics, engineering and science and applicants who have been admitted to CSUS for a subsequent semester. Students accepted into these programs qualify for reduced fees (total of \$5 per semester).

High school students other than those accepted into the above programs may also enroll concurrently in college courses without fee reduction upon approval of parents, high school principal and appropriate department chairs.

Students interested in information on these programs should contact the Admissions and Records Office at (916) 278-6723.

### Applicants Not Regularly Eligible.

Applicants not admissible under one of the above provisions should enroll at a community college or another appropriate institution in order to meet eligibility requirements. Only under the most unusual circumstances and only by special action will such applicants be admitted to CSU, Sacramento.

## ADVANCED PLACEMENT AND EXAMS

Students may earn 6 units of credit for each Advanced Placement (AP) examination for which a score of 3, 4 or 5 is earned.

Additionally, students who pass both parts of the CSU English Equivalency Examination (EEE) may earn 6 units of college credit, 3 units of which will meet the General Education written composition requirement.

Transferable college courses completed as a high school student will be evaluated for possible college credit upon receipt of an official college transcript.