CSU Admissions Application Tips

The California State University

CSUMentor

Undergraduate Admissions Tests

English/Math Placement Test Information for New Students

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CSUMentor: How to plan for and apply to the California State University

Now’s the time to go...

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- Update your High School or Transfer Planner
- Use the Matching Assistant to find the right CSU campus for you
- What does CSU require for admission?
- Veterans Education Opportunities
- Online applications for the Fall 2009 term will be available on October 1, 2008

Use powerful planning tools to help make your path into college a clear and easy one. Learn about:
- Admission requirements
- Financial aid options
- Lower-Division Transfer Patterns
- Find out your Early Assessment Program (EAP) results

With 23 great campuses there is certainly one that is right for you. Use these tools to explore your choices:
- Learn more about a CSU campus
- Compare colleges
- And more!

Start your CSU application here, and learn more about the application process.
- Apply today
- Is your campus still accepting applications?
Application Workshop
Suggestions

Be aware of @csumentor.edu

Creation of Username

Area Code, initials, Birthday

Ex. 562kl0601

Bellflower Area Code: 562

Initials: Kimberly Larson

Birthday: June 1
The Application Side Bar

• Order of screens has changed

• College Information Screen now accessible to Graduating Seniors with College Credit

• New Review Your Application Screen added

• Submit link has been removed
Q. If my student does not have a Social Security Number, what do they put in for applicant information?

A. Leave the item blank.
EAP: California public high school students, please indicate if you took the EAP tests and received the test results.
Students also should indicate courses in progress and courses that are planned.
Q. Student took Algebra 1 in 7th grade, how do I report it on CSU Application?

A. Put course as 8th grade course and you can list it in the CSU application.

*Per CSU High School Preparation Screen Instructions, if you took Algebra 1 or a foreign language in the 7th or 8th grade, report your grades as grade level 8.*

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Select only *authorized* honors courses that are designated honors or AP on the University of California a-g list.
Q. I have a student who went right into 3rd year Spanish, how would I report that she meets the 2 years of Language other than English requirement?

A. Example below shows what a student would put in. By only putting in one course, CSUMentor would count the student as only completing 2 semesters, rather than 6 semesters per the CSU multi year subject rule.

Based off self reported information, the student would be flagged for not meeting the Language other than English Requirement because it does not say 4.
A. The student should put the other Spanish courses prior to the 3\textsuperscript{rd} year, but for the grades put in Pass, so it is not counted in the GPA. By putting in the appropriate courses, the total foreign language semesters is now 6.

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**Total foreign language semesters: 6**
Q. I have a student who is fluent in another language and waived by my high school of their foreign language. How do they report that on the application?

A. Insert coursework for 9 & 10th grade and for Title select “Other”. Enter Waiver of LOTE and grades are Pass for 2 semesters.

Per CSU High School Preparation 2 Screen Instructions.

** The foreign language waiver must be noted on your official high school transcript.
Q. I repeated a course, do I have to list the “bad” grade and the new grade?

A. No. As stated below, if you have repeated a course by taking the exact course at a later time, list the highest grade you achieved for the term(s) are repeated. Do NOT enter in a repeated course twice.
Example: Chemistry

9th grade  Fall C  Spring D
Summer of 9th grade  C-

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Total physical science semesters: 4

If you have repeated a course by taking the exact course at a later time, list the highest grade you achieved for the term(s) you repeated. Do **NOT** enter in a repeated course twice.
If my school is on a block schedule, how do I report my grades?

**Block schedule instructions**
Select the Semester term type. 1 block unit (where only 1 grade is earned) = 2 semester units (report that grade twice – once for fall and again for spring); 1 block unit (where 2 grades are earned) = 2 semester units (report both grades – one in fall and one in spring); 1/2 block unit = 1 semester unit (enter the grade once in the appropriate term).

What if I’m on trimester?

**Trimester schedule instructions**
To report the grade earned for your third trimester, select a grade preceded by a "T-" from the Summer semester 1 menu. If you took summer coursework use another line on the application to report the grades and enter your summer school grade under summer.

If, in your trimester system, a course is taken over one trimester (1/2 unit/1 semester grade) or two trimesters (1 unit/2 semester grades), enter the semester grades and select "Semester" as the term type.
Q. I took a course at Cerritos College, how do I report that I took a college course in place of a high school course?
GPA Calculation

High School GPA

High school GPA for all approved college prep "a-g" courses taken in 10th, 11th, and 12th grades:

\[
GPA = \frac{\text{Total grade points}}{\text{Total units}}
\]

A=4, B=3, C=2, D=1, F=0

(Up to a maximum of 8 extra points for honors courses taken in the last two years of high school including up to 2 UC-approved honors courses taken in the 10th grade.)

Click here if you would like to use CSUMentor's GPA calculator to help you compute your high school GPA.

Important notice: The calculated GPA returned is based on your input. It is not an official grade point average. Campuses may calculate your grade point average differently based upon your official high school transcript.

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Totals: 18, 57

Calculated GPA: 3.72
Xap – Student Support

Phone Calls

1-800-GO-TO-XAP (1-800-468-6927)

E-mail

support@csumentor.edu

Website

www.csumentor.edu

Bilingual Support in Spanish

Monday through Friday 6:30am – 6:30pm
Extended Student Support Hours

• October 1-31
  – Monday – Friday
    6:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.
  – Saturday and Sunday
    11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

• November 1 – 25
  – Monday – Friday
    6:30 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
  – Saturday – Sunday
    11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

• November 26 (Thanksgiving)
  8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

• November 27 (Friday)
  8:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.

• November 28 (Saturday)
  8:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.

• November 29 (Sunday)
  6:30 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.

• November 30
  6:30 a.m. – 11:00 p.m. (12/1)
Plan for College

Information in this section is divided according to your education level or specific program interest. Please select from the following list:

- **Middle School Students** – Assistance for 6th-8th grade students

- **High School Students** – Assistance for 9th-12th grade students
  
  **High School Planner** – High school students can plan to meet college entrance requirements

- **Transfer Students** – Assistance for college students
  
  **Transfer Planner** – California Community College students can plan to meet general education requirements for the CSU.

- **Lower-Division Transfer Patterns (LDTP)** – Assistance for California Community College students

- **Graduate Students** – Assistance for graduate students

- **International Students** – Assistance for international students
FINAL NOTE:

Winter 2010 Term: The California State University will not accept any more applications for the Winter 2010 term. Applications already on file will be reviewed.

Spring 2010 Term: Term: Most CSU campuses and programs will not be accepting applications for admission to the Spring 2010 term. Any exceptions to this policy would be noted on the campus filing status listing. Campuses may still accept applications for teacher education students who are continuing at the same campus. Such campuses have indicated this on the campus filing status listing.

Additionally, CalStateTEACH is accepting applications for teacher education students across the state. To apply, go to www.calstateteach.net

Fall 2010 Term: The priority application filing period for Fall 2010 will be October 1 - November 30.

Due to the $584 million reduction in CSU's 2009-10 budget, CSU is required to reduce its enrollment. For more information, see: http://calstate.edu/PA/News/2009/spring-admissions.shtml
Now that you have applied...

WHAT’S NEXT?

• MyCSU__ (set-up & monitor account)
• Turn in transcripts when requested (wait until Fall grades are posted)
• Watch for deadline dates (FAFSA, orientations, intent to enroll, etc.)
• If you haven’t heard from the schools you applied to…contact them!
• Apply to multiple schools including the CSU closest to you

QUESTIONS?