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Check out the website for the entire California State University: www.csumentor.edu. You will find helpful hints, frequently-asked questions, campus tours, and general information about all 23 campuses. The phone number listed for each campus is for the Office of Admission.

1. California State University, Bakersfield • Q
   9001 Stockdale Highway, Bakersfield, CA 93311-1099
   (661) 654-3036 • www.csusb.edu

2. California State University Channel Islands • S
   One University Drive, Camarillo, CA 93012
   (805) 437-8500 • www.csuci.edu

3. California State University, Chico • S
   400 W. First Street, Chico, CA 95929-0722
   (530) 898-6321 • www.csuchico.edu

4. California State University, Dominguez Hills • S
   1000 East Victoria Street, Carson, CA 90747
   (310) 243-3645 • www.csudh.edu

5. California State University, East Bay • Q
   25800 Carlos Bee Blvd., Hayward, CA 94542-3035
   (510) 885-2356 • www.csueastbay.edu

6. California State University, Fresno • S
   5150 North Maple Avenue, Fresno, CA 93740-0057
   (559) 278-2261 • www.csufresno.edu

7. California State University, Fullerton • S
   800 N. State College Blvd., Fullerton, CA 92834-9480
   (657) 278-7601 • www.fullerton.edu

8. Humboldt State University • S
   1 Harpst Street, Arcata, CA 95521-4957
   (707) 826-4401 • (866) 850-9556 • www.humboldt.edu

9. California State University, Long Beach • S
   1250 Bellflower Blvd., Long Beach, CA 90840-0106
   (562) 985-5471 • www.csulb.edu

10. California State University, Los Angeles • Q
    5151 State University Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90032-8530
    (323) 343-3901 • www.calstatela.edu

11. California Maritime Academy • S
    200 Maritime Academy Drive, Vallejo, CA 94590
    (707) 654-1330 • www.csum.edu

12. California State University, Monterey Bay • S
    100 Campus Center Drive, Seaside, CA 93955-8001
    (831) 582-3738 • www.csumb.edu

13. California State University, Northridge • S
    18111 Nordhoff Street, Northridge, CA 8613-8207
    (818) 677-3700 • www.csun.edu

14. California State Polytechnic University, Pomona • Q
    3801 West Temple Avenue, Pomona, CA 91768-4003
    (909) 869-5299 • www.cppomona.edu

15. California State University, Sacramento • S
    6000 J Street, Sacramento, CA 95819-6112
    (916) 278-7766 • www.csus.edu

16. California State University, San Bernardino • Q
    5500 University Parkway, San Bernardino, CA 92407-2397
    (909) 537-5188 • www.csusb.edu

17. San Diego State University • S
    5500 Campanile Drive, San Diego, CA 92182-7455
    (619) 594-6336 • www.sdsu.edu

18. San Francisco State University • S
    1600 Holloway Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94212-4003
    (415) 338-1113 • www.sfsu.edu

19. San José State University • S
    One Washington Square, San José, CA 95192-0009
    (408) 283-7500 • www.sjsu.edu

20. California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo • Q
    San Luis Obispo, CA 93407
    (805) 756-2311 • www.calpoly.edu

21. California State University, San Marcos • S
    333 S. Twin Oaks Valley Road
    San Marcos, CA 92096-0001
    (760) 750-4848 • www.csusm.edu

22. Sonoma State University • S
    1801 East Cotati Avenue, Rohnert Park, CA 94928
    (707) 664-2778 • www.sonoma.edu

23. California State University, Stanislaus • S
    One University Circle, Turlock, CA 95382
    (209) 667-3070 • www.csustan.edu
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*Administration Building (01), Room 206*
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*email: admissions@calpoly.edu*

**ADMISSIONS**

Cal Poly comprehensively reviews all applications, seeking students who have strong academic records and are active in and outside the classroom. Admission to Cal Poly is highly competitive. Beyond the basic California State University qualifications, Cal Poly considers other factors for admission deemed important to the campus and does so in an objective format. The faculty-developed Multi-Criteria Admission (MCA) process is utilized to screen and select applicants for admission. This multi-valued selection process combines academic factors with other objective values to comprehensively review all applicants for selection. To be fair to all applicants, the review process is systematic. Decisions are based on the competitive nature of the applicant compared to other applicants who apply to the same major. The University community has also approved special admissions consideration based on factors deemed important to the campus. Admission decisions are based on the available spaces in each major. Regular decision candidates will be notified of a formal decision by April 1st.

**FIRST-TIME FRESHMAN FACTORS**

When a freshman application is reviewed, the following are considered:

- The applicant’s intended program of study (the major to which application is made)
- The applicant’s college preparatory courses in secondary school
- GPA earned in college preparatory courses
- Standardized test scores
- The applicant’s extra-curricular activities and work experience

For a comprehensive look at Cal Poly’s selection criteria for a freshman applicant, including deadlines, visit [http://admissions.calpoly.edu/applicants/](http://admissions.calpoly.edu/applicants/).

**UPPER-DIVISION TRANSFER FACTORS**

When an upper-division* transfer application is reviewed, the following are considered:

- The applicant’s intended program of study (the major to which application is made)
- Number of units completed
- Completion of CSU and Cal Poly program required coursework with a grade of ‘C’ or better
- General Education (G.E. Breadth) or Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) courses
- Academic performance in college courses (GPA)
- The applicant’s extracurricular activities and work experience

For a comprehensive look at Cal Poly’s selection criteria for a transfer applicant, including deadlines, visit [http://admissions.calpoly.edu/applicants/transfer/](http://admissions.calpoly.edu/applicants/transfer/).

The majors below have additional requirements:

- Art and Design – qualified freshman and transfer applicants will be requested to submit an electronic portfolio per specific instructions provided to the applicant
- Music – qualified freshman and transfer applicants will be requested to audition either in person or via specified media
- Architecture – qualified transfer applicants will be requested to submit a portfolio per specific instructions provided to the applicant

**APPEALS**

Cal Poly does not set aside spaces for students who appeal admission decisions. Every denied application has been reviewed for maximum consideration. Therefore, for an appeal to have merit it must bring to light new academic information as well as information pertaining to extenuating circumstances that was not present in the application – information that clearly shows the student to be stronger than had been earlier evidenced. Review the information on the Cal Poly Admissions website for complete information and instructions regarding submitting an appeal at [http://admissions.calpoly.edu/applied/appeal](http://admissions.calpoly.edu/applied/appeal).

**APPLICATION PROCEDURES**

For admission consideration, Cal Poly requires applicants to submit the online application ([www.csumentor.edu](http://www.csumentor.edu)) with the corresponding $55.00 application fee which is both non-refundable and non-transferable. The application and fee cannot be used to apply to another term. Applicants should not submit additional information beyond the information submitted on the application unless requested to do so by the Admissions Office. Applicants are advised to submit complete and accurate information on the application for admission. Failure to file complete,
Conditions of Admission

View detailed online application information at http://admissions.calpoly.edu/applicants/.

CAL POLY APPLICATION FILING PERIODS

Cal Poly accepts undergraduate (freshman or transfer) applications for the fall term only.

**Freshman Applicants** have two options under which they may apply:

- The **“Regular Decision”** option is used by the vast majority of freshman applicants and requires applicants to submit Cal Poly’s online application with the corresponding fee during the application filing period of October 1st to November 30th. Please note: Regular Decision applicants will receive notification of their admission status by April 1st and those selected must accept or decline Cal Poly’s offer of admission by May 1st.

- The **“Early Decision”** option is for freshman applicants for whom Cal Poly is a clear first-choice and requires applicants to submit Cal Poly’s online application with the corresponding fee during the application filing period of October 1st to October 31st. For Early Decision, Cal Poly will use the ACT and/or SAT I (math and critical reading only) scores applicants have at the time of application. Please note: Early Decision applicants will receive notification of their admission status in mid-December and those selected must accept or decline Cal Poly’s offer of admission by January 15th. Applicants not selected for Early Decision admission will also have their application reviewed through the Regular Decision process and will receive equal consideration through that process with those who applied directly for Regular Decision. International students and all applicants wishing to apply to the majors of Art and Design or Music cannot be considered for Early Decision admission.

**Transfer Applicants** apply through the **“Regular Decision”** process which requires applicants to submit Cal Poly’s online application with the corresponding fee during the application filing period of October 1st to November 30th. Please note: Regular Decision applicants will receive notification of their admission status by April 1st and those selected must accept or decline Cal Poly’s offer of admission by May 1st.

Offers of admission to Cal Poly are conditional pending satisfactory compliance with the **“Terms and Conditions of Admission”** found online at http://admissions.calpoly.edu/admitted/terms.

**FORMER/RETURNING STUDENTS**

**Former Students Returning in the Same Major**

Students who were previously enrolled at Cal Poly and who wish to return to the University must follow the guidelines appropriate to their category.

Former students, **who left Cal Poly in good standing (2.0 or higher GPA)** before completing their degree, may essentially resume their former program of study (major) without competing for admission with new applicants, providing the following conditions are met:

1. The student has not registered for classes for three or more consecutive terms (counting summer term).
2. The student has not been on an approved leave of absence.
3. A CSU paper application and corresponding fee is filed or postmarked before the application deadline date listed below for the appropriate term:

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   Former students **who did not leave the University in good standing** (i.e., were academically disqualified), will have their application and transcripts sent to their department/college for review before reinstatement can occur. Applicants in this category are advised to contact their department or advising center to begin dialogue about satisfying any requirements before submitting their application.

**Former Students Returning in a New Major**

Former Cal Poly students wishing to return to Cal Poly in a different major must file an online application with the corresponding fee by the same application deadline as new applicants. Applicants in this category will compete equally with new applicants for the available transfer openings in their declared major.

**OTHER INFORMATION**

**Consistency with State Regulations**

The philosophy of the Cal Poly Admissions Office is consonant with the mission of California Polytechnic State University and is in accordance with Title V, Chapter 1, Subchapter 3, of the California Code of Regulations, and specifically, the California Code of Regulations for the California State University System, Title V, Section 40600.

**Graduate Admission Requirements**

View online information for graduate admission at http://admissions.calpoly.edu/applicants/graduate/.

**Determination of Residence for Tuition Purposes**

The Cal Poly Admissions Office determines the residence status of all new and returning students for tuition purposes. View comprehensive online information at http://admissions.calpoly.edu/applicants/mycalpoly/resinfo.html.

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After all required documents have been received, the Admissions Office will determine eligibility for admission and will notify the applicant of the result. International applicants admitted to Cal Poly receive a Certificate of Eligibility (I-20 form) which is necessary to obtain a student visa to enter the United States or for requesting permission from the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) for transfer to Cal Poly from another U.S. institution. Other requirements may be imposed by USCIS. Applicants should note the I-20 form is valid for enrollment only at Cal Poly for the term indicated and that it includes an expiration date.

**DEADLINES**

**Undergraduate Deadlines for International Students**

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*Transfer students with 60 or more transferable semester units only.

**Graduate Deadlines for International Students**

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For detailed information about deadlines, visit [http://admissions.calpoly.edu/applicants/international/deadlines.html](http://admissions.calpoly.edu/applicants/international/deadlines.html).

International students should also visit the Cal Poly International Center Education and Programs website at [www.iep.calpoly.edu](http://www.iep.calpoly.edu) for additional international student information and services. *(11/7/12)*
Graduate Admissions

Research and Graduate Programs Office
Math and Science Bldg. (38), Room 154
805 756-1508  FAX 805 756-1725

Application for Admission
An application for graduate studies may be obtained from the Admissions Office of any CSU campus. The application form and official transcripts should be sent directly to the Admissions Office at Cal Poly. An electronic version of the CSU graduate application is available on the World Wide Web at www.csumentor.edu. The CSU Mentor system allows students to browse through general information about CSU’s twenty-three campuses, view multimedia campus presentations, send and receive electronic responses to specific questions, and apply for admission and financial aid.

All graduate and post-baccalaureate applicants (e.g., joint PhD and EdD applicants, master’s degree applicants, those seeking educational credentials or certificates, and where permitted, holders of baccalaureate degrees interested in taking courses for personal or professional growth) must file a complete graduate application as described in the graduate and post-baccalaureate admission materials at www.csumentor.edu. Applications who completed undergraduate degree requirements on a CSU campus and graduated the preceding term are also required to complete and submit an application and the $55 nonrefundable application fee. Since applicants for post-baccalaureate programs may be limited to the choice of a single campus on each application, rerouting to alternative campuses or later change of campus choice is not guaranteed. To be assured of initial consideration by more than one campus, it is necessary to submit separate applications (including fees) to each. Applications submitted by way of www.csumentor.edu are expected unless submission of an electronic application is impossible.

The CSU advises prospective students that they must supply complete and accurate information on the application for admission, residence questionnaire, and financial aid forms. Further, applicants must submit authentic and certified transcripts of all previous academic work attempted. Transcripts must be official and sent directly from the issuing institution in a sealed envelope. Failure to file complete, accurate, and authentic application documents may result in denial of admission, cancellation of academic credit, suspension, or expulsion (Section 41301, Article 1.1, Title 5, California Code of Regulations).

All master’s and credential applicants must submit the following documents to the Office of Admissions to establish their admission portfolio:
- Application for graduate admission
- $55 application fee
- Certified transcripts from all schools attended

Deadlines
Master's and credential applicants may file an application for admission at any time. In order to be considered for admission in the "targeted" quarter, the portfolio must be completed by the dates provided at the following websites:

Deadlines for graduate programs are available at www.ess.calpoly.edu/admiss/grad/regular.html.

Deadlines for credential programs are available at http://coe.calpoly.edu.

Graduate and Post-Baccalaureate Admission Requirements

Admission Requirements
Graduate and post-baccalaureate applicants may apply for a degree objective, a credential or certificate objective. Depending on the objective, the CSU considers an application for admission as follows:

- **General Requirements** -- The minimum requirements for admission to graduate and post-baccalaureate studies at a California State University campus are in accordance with university regulations as well as Title 5, chapter 1, subchapter 3 of the California Code of Regulations.
- Specifically, a student shall at the time of enrollment:
  1. have completed a four-year college course of study and hold an acceptable baccalaureate degree from an institution accredited by a regional accrediting association, or shall have completed equivalent academic preparation as determined by appropriate campus authorities;
  2. be in good standing at the last college or university attended;
  3. have attained a grade point average of at least 2.5 (A = 4.0) in the last 60 semester (90 quarter) units attempted or have earned a grade point average of at least 2.5 on the last degree completed by the candidate; and
  4. satisfactorily meet the professional, personal, scholastic, and other standards for graduate study, including qualifying examinations, as appropriate campus authorities may prescribe. In unusual circumstances, a campus may make exceptions to these criteria.

- A student who meets the minimum requirements for graduate and post-baccalaureate studies may be considered for admission in one of the four following categories:
• **Graduate Classified** -- To pursue a graduate degree, candidates are required to fulfill all of the professional, personal, scholastic, and other standards, including qualifying examinations, prescribed by the campus.

• **Graduate Conditionally Classified** -- Candidates may be admitted to a graduate degree program in this category if, in the opinion of appropriate campus authority, deficiencies can be remedied by additional preparation.

• **Post-Baccalaureate Classified, e.g., admission to an education credential program** -- Candidates who wish to enroll in a credential or certificate program are required to satisfy additional professional, personal, scholastic, and other standards, including qualifying examinations, prescribed by the campus.

• **Post-Baccalaureate Unclassified** -- To enroll in undergraduate courses as preparation for advanced degree programs or to enroll in graduate courses for professional or personal growth, a candidate must be admitted as a postbaccalaureate unclassified student. By meeting the minimum requirements, the candidate is eligible for admission as a postbaccalaureate unclassified student. Admission in this status does not constitute admission to, or assurance of consideration for admission to, any graduate degree or credential program, and requires approval from the Dean of Research and Graduate Programs.

If your transcript is not received by the Admissions Office prior to the first day of what would be your second quarter, or if your degree was not awarded for a preceding term, you are required to reapply for a subsequent quarter. A second application and fee to a post-baccalaureate program are not accepted or processed until an official transcript is provided showing that your undergraduate degree has been awarded. Unless proof of an undergraduate degree is provided by the registration date for your second quarter, you will not be allowed to register.

Under special circumstances graduate coordinators may recommend admission of applicants who do not meet eligibility requirements. The Dean of Research and Graduate Programs acts on these recommendations.

**Residency Status Determination**

The campus Admissions Office determines the residency status of all new and returning students for nonresident tuition purposes. Responses to the application for admission and, if necessary, other evidence furnished by the student are used in making this determination. A student who fails to submit adequate information to establish a right to classification as a California resident is classified as a nonresident. For detailed explanation please refer to Determination of Residence for Nonresident Tuition Purposes,” page 523.

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**International (Foreign) Student Admission Requirements**

International master's and credential applicants must file an application for admission with the Office of Admissions. For this purpose, "foreign students" include those who hold U.S. temporary visas as students, exchange visitors, or in other non-immigrant classifications. The application may be filed at any time, but in order to be considered for admission in the targeted quarter the portfolio must be completed by the dates listed below.

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All master's and credential applicants must submit the following documents to establish their admission portfolio:

• Application form, Parts A and B
• $55 application fee
• Certified transcripts from all schools attended, showing coursework. All official documents must be accompanied by a certified English translation from one of the following:
  - Institute for International Education (IIE)
  - AMIDEAST
  - Saudi Arabian Education Mission
  - United States Embassy or Consulate
• Confidential financial statement
• Promissory note agreeing to purchase required health insurance
• International Educational Background form
• AACRAO credential analysis fee of $75 in the form of a U.S. Postal Money Order or an International Money Order, made payable to “AACRAO” (American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers)
• Spouse/Dependent Declaration form

All graduate and post-baccalaureate applicants, regardless of citizenship, whose native language is not English and whose preparatory education was principally in a language other than English must demonstrate competence in English. Those who do not possess a bachelor's degree from a postsecondary institution where English is the principal language of instruction must take either the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or the International English Language Testing system (IELTS) exam.

The TOEFL must have been taken within the last two years with a minimum score of 550 (paper version), 213 (computerized version) or 80 (internet based). The minimum score for the IELTS is 6.0, although individual programs may require higher scores. Applicants are advised to review program-specific information.

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The TOEFL or IELTS requirement is waived for applicants whose native language is English. Applicants from countries listed on the following website will be considered native English speakers.

http://admissions.calpoly.edu/apply/toefl

The Office of Admissions completes an initial portfolio review that includes verification of an equivalent B.A./B.S. degree, a determination of the appropriate level of study and a narrative evaluation of all work completed. Copies are included in the applicant's file.

The Office of Admissions notifies all applicants of the documents needed to complete their portfolios. Graduate coordinators may require additional documentation to assist them in determining an applicant's suitability for the program of study.

International applicants for graduate study can receive either conditional or classified admission. The graduate coordinators make all recommendations to the Director of Admissions for conditional and classified admissions to the graduate program.

HEALTH SCREENING
All new and readmitted students must provide proof of full immunization against measles and rubella prior to enrollment. All students 18 years of age or younger at the start of their first term must provide proof of full immunization against Hepatitis B before enrolling. These are not admission requirements, but are required of students as conditions of enrollment in CSU. Proof of measles and rubella immunizations is also required for certain groups of enrolled students who have increased exposure to these diseases. See page 47 for more information, or contact Health Services (805 756-1211) or visit www.hcs.calpoly.edu.