

**CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, LONG BEACH**  
**Department of Family and Consumer Sciences**  
**Frequently Asked Questions: Graduate Studies**

▪ **How can I find out if I've met all the requirements for admission?**

First review the admission requirements on this website:

<http://www.csulb.edu/fcs/programs/graduate/MSDegree.htm>.

If you have further questions about the application process you can contact the Graduate Assistant at (562) 985-7493 or stop by FCS 106B during office hours, which can be found at:

<http://www.csulb.edu/fcs/people/GraduateAssistants.htm>.

If you have questions about the application process during the summer break (July-August) please contact Enrollment Services at (562) 985-5471 or go to the website:

<http://www.csulb.edu/depts/enrollment/>

▪ **Where do I start if I am an international student?**

International Students must go through the Center for International Education before they can be admitted to the University. Information can be found on their website:

[http://www.csulb.edu/divisions/aa/grad\\_undergrad/cie/international\\_admissions/index.html](http://www.csulb.edu/divisions/aa/grad_undergrad/cie/international_admissions/index.html)

▪ **Whom should I contact about prerequisite deficiencies and career opportunities?**

Contact the Graduate Advisor for the area to which you are applying.

Graduate Advisors for the M.S., Nutritional Science:

Last Name A-E: Dr. Gail Frank, MPH, RD, CHES [Gail.Frank@csulb.edu](mailto:Gail.Frank@csulb.edu) (562) 985-4494

Last Name F-J: Dr. Rachel Blaine, D.Sc., MPH, RD [Rachel.Blaine@csulb.edu](mailto:Rachel.Blaine@csulb.edu) (562) 985-2141

Last Name K-N: Dr. Michelle Barrack, PhD, MS, RD [Michelle.Barrack@csulb.edu](mailto:Michelle.Barrack@csulb.edu) (562) 985-4545

Last Name O-S: Dr. Virginia Gray, PhD, RD [Virginia.Gray@csulb.edu](mailto:Virginia.Gray@csulb.edu) (562) 985-4482

Last Name T-Z: Dr. Long Wang, PhD, MD, RDN [Long.Wang@csulb.edu](mailto:Long.Wang@csulb.edu) (562) 985-7492

Advisor for Food Science:

Last Name: A-Z: Dr. Cheryl Rock, PhD [Cheryl.Rock@csulb.edu](mailto:Cheryl.Rock@csulb.edu) (562) 985-4497

When meeting with the advisor bring a copy of all available transcripts, both undergraduate and graduate, to assist advisor with advisement. During the summer break, please contact the Family and Consumer Sciences Department Office at (562) 985-4484, for faculty availability.

▪ **What grade point average is required for admission?**

A cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 and a GPA of 3.0 on the last 60 undergraduate units is required for admission to M.S degree program.

▪ **Is the Graduate Record Exam (GRE) required for graduate students?**

For students applying for admission to the M.S. program, the GRE is required. Results should not be more than five years old. An official copy of the GRE results with a minimum score of 4.0 on the Analytical Writing section of the GRE is required. This also satisfies the Writing Proficiency Exam/Graduate Writing Assessment Requirement.

▪ **If my bachelor's degree was earned several years ago, do I have to repeat courses?**

If prerequisite courses are more than 5 years old, you will be expected to update the undergraduate prerequisite course before beginning graduate study. However, you may petition to waive some prerequisite courses by examination. Discuss specific courses with your area advisor.

▪ **How many units may be transferred from a previous graduate program?**

Up to 30% of the total required units for your program may be transferred from another program; this amount of transfer units may be any combination of units, taken at another university, and/or CCPE at CSULB. The transferred units must come from appropriate graduate level courses. Courses will be disqualified after 5 years; so a student may only use courses that have been completed during the 5 years preceding graduation. This policy applies to courses taken at CSULB as well. Further information about transfer units can be found online at:

[http://www.csulb.edu/divisions/aa/catalog/current/graduate\\_information/graduate\\_transfer\\_units.html](http://www.csulb.edu/divisions/aa/catalog/current/graduate_information/graduate_transfer_units.html)

Students in the Family and Consumer Sciences Master’s degree program who have courses (including transfer courses) required for the degree that are more than 7 years old must revalidate these courses according to University policy in order to continue in the degree. The faculty advisor and student will select from the following options for revalidation, based on the student’s current academic performance for each graduate course in the student’s program of study that is more than 7 years old:

1. The exact or equivalent course is retaken at CSULB with a minimum grade of B.
2. An independent study course involving similar content and the same number of units is completed with minimum grade of B.

Further information about graduate degree regulations can be found online at:

[http://www.csulb.edu/divisions/aa/catalog/current/graduate\\_information/university\\_regulations\\_masters.html](http://www.csulb.edu/divisions/aa/catalog/current/graduate_information/university_regulations_masters.html)

▪ **How may I secure a CSULB Catalog?**

The current *CSULB Catalog* can be found online at: [www.csulb.edu/divisions/aa/catalog/](http://www.csulb.edu/divisions/aa/catalog/)

▪ **How can I find the Schedule of Classes?**

The current *CSULB Schedule of Classes* can be found online at:

[www.csulb.edu/depts/enrollment/registration/class\\_schedule/](http://www.csulb.edu/depts/enrollment/registration/class_schedule/)

▪ **How do I proceed with application to become enrolled in the program?**

Apply to the University online at [csumentor.edu](http://csumentor.edu).

<b><u>Have your official transcripts sent to :</u></b> University Office of Admissions and Records CSULB 1250 Bellflower Blvd., Long Beach, CA 90804.	<b><u>Institution Codes for GRE Scores:</u></b> CSULB: 4389
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**In addition**, a copy of your application to the University Admissions and Records and three letters of recommendation (preferably from previous instructors) must be submitted to the Graduate Assistant in the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences:

California State University Long Beach  
Department of Family and Consumer Sciences  
ATTN: Graduate Assistant  
1250 Bellflower Boulevard  
Long Beach, CA 90840-0501

- **I am interested in the Dietetic Internship at CSULB, how can I get more information?**

If you are interested in our Accredited Internship Program in Nutrition and Dietetics (IPND), please see the current *CSULB Catalog* found online at: [www.csulb.edu/divisions/aa/catalog/](http://www.csulb.edu/divisions/aa/catalog/) and the website: [www.csulb.edu/dieteticinternship](http://www.csulb.edu/dieteticinternship)

Review the entire menu: missions and goals, program description, admission criteria, deadline, estimated cost, facilities, and a day in the life of a Dietetic Intern. The CSULB Dietetic Internship participates in the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Dietetic Internship Centralized Application System (DICAS), which can be found at: <https://portal.dicas.org/>

**NOTE: The Didactic Program in Dietetics cannot be completed through the MS in Nutritional Science.**