

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://web.csulb.edu/colleges/chhs/departments/fcs/programs/graduate/AdmissionRequirementstoMSDegree.htm>

If you have further questions about the application process you can contact the Graduate Assistant via email at FCS.GA.CSULB@gmail.com, by phone at (562) 985-7493 or stop by FCS 106B during office hours, which can be found at: <http://web.csulb.edu/colleges/chhs/departments/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

In addition, you will need to apply to the department following the instructions posted on our website.

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

Contact the Graduate Advisor for the area to which you are applying. When meeting with the advisor please 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.

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

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

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Graduate Advisor for Food Science:

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- **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.

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- **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.

- **When is the deadline to apply for the MS Program in Nutritional Science?**

The deadline for the application is February 15th for fall admissions. We do not accept applications for spring admission.

- **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.

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://web.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/

- **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/

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

Materials completed with the University:

1. Completed graduate application and application fee. (Applications can be sent online via csumentor.edu.)
2. Official transcripts mailed to:
Office of Enrollment Services/Graduate Admissions
California State University, Long Beach
1250 Bellflower Blvd.
Long Beach, CA 90840
3. Officially reported GRE scores. Send GRE scores using the CSULB institution code, 4389.

Materials to send to Graduate Coordinator, Dr. Virginia Gray

1. A hardcopy printout of your completed CSUMentor
 - a. Disregard the "For Your Records. Do Not Send to the University" warning on the completed application since you are mailing this directly to the department.
2. Three (3) letters of recommendation. At least two letters must come from professors. One letter may come from a nutrition professional outside of the university setting (such as a work or volunteer supervisor). All must be signed and sealed on official letter head. Please note that a letter of recommendation sent through DICAS is **not sufficient and a physical letter is required** for the FCS department. For questions about this, please contact the current graduate assistant

Mail to:

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