

ADMISSION TO CSULB

Choosing CSULB

CSULB's core academic mission is to graduate students with highly valued degrees. Faculty and staff are dedicated to fostering student success both inside and outside the classroom. Prospective students are encouraged to explore the campus to see if CSULB is the right choice for you.

The Office of University Outreach and School Relations (UOSR) is the university's primary student recruitment and guest relations office and is the primary contact point for prospective students who are seeking information about CSULB's admissions processes, financial aid opportunities, student support services and the university's prestigious President's Scholars Program.

UOSR offers guided campus tours and specialized campus visits for K-12 students, parents, counselors and others interested groups. It also administers pre-admission and application workshops for prospective students; the Young Scholars Program for qualified high school students; adult re-entry information; and educational awareness and academic enrichment services for elementary and middle school students. For further information, call (562) 985-5358, go to www.csulb.edu/outreach, or visit the Outreach Office at Brotman Hall, Room 289.

Admissions Procedures and Policies

Requirements for admission to California State University, Long Beach are in accordance with Title 5, Chapter 1, Subchapter 3, of the California Code of Regulations. Complete information is available at www.csumentor.edu/planning/.

Electronic versions of the CSU undergraduate and graduate applications are accessible on the World Wide Web at www.csumentor.edu. The CSUMentor system allows students to browse through general information about the CSU's twenty-three campuses, view multimedia campus presentations, send and receive electronic responses to specific questions, and apply for admission and financial aid. Information on CSULB admission requirements and deadlines can be found at www.csulb.edu.

Applying online via www.csumentor.edu is expected unless electronic submission is impossible. An acknowledgement will be sent when online applications have been submitted. Application in "hard copy" form may be obtained online via www.csumentor.edu as a portable data format (PDF). Application forms (in PDF) may also be downloaded from www.calstate.edu/sas/publications. [Paper applications should be mailed to the campus admission office(s).]

Importance of Filing Complete, Accurate, and Authentic Application Documents

CSU, Long Beach advises prospective students that they must supply complete and accurate information on the application for admission, residency questionnaire, and financial aid forms. Further, applicants must, when requested, submit authentic and official transcripts of all previous academic work attempted. 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, of Title 5, California Code of Regulations).

Undergraduate Application Procedures

Prospective students applying for part-time or full-time undergraduate programs of study in day or evening classes must file a complete undergraduate application. The \$55 nonrefundable application fee should be in the form of a check or money order payable to "The California State University" or by credit card and may not be transferred or used to apply to another term. An alternate major may be indicated on the application. The applications of persons denied admission to an impacted and/or closed campus may be re-routed to another campus at no cost, but only if the applicant is CSU eligible.

Readmission

Students who break attendance by not enrolling in classes each semester, and who have not filed for educational leave, must reapply for admission. Transcripts of work completed elsewhere during the absence must also be submitted. Students who left under academic disqualification must submit a "Reinstatement Petition" and an "Application for Reinstatement" with their completed application prior to JULY 1 for the Fall semester or December 1 for the Spring semester.

Impacted Programs

The CSU designates programs as impacted when more applications from CSU eligible students are received in the initial filing period (October and November for fall terms, August for spring terms) than can be accommodated. Some programs are impacted at every campus where they are offered; others are impacted only at a few campuses. Candidates for admission must meet supplementary criteria if applying to an impacted program.

The CSU will announce during the fall filing period those campuses or programs that are impacted. Detailed information on campus and programs impaction will be available at the following websites:

- www.csumentor.edu
- www.calstate.edu/impactioninfo.shtml
- www.calstate.edu/sas/impaction-campus-info.shtml

Campuses will communicate its supplementary admission criteria for all impacted programs to high schools and community colleges in their service area and will disseminate this information to the public through appropriate media. This information will also be published at the CSU campus individual website and made available online at www.calstate.edu.

Applicants must file applications for admission to an impacted program during the initial filing period. Applicants who wish to be considered for impacted programs at more than one campus must file an application at each campus for which they seek admission consideration.

Supplementary Admission Criteria

Each campus with impacted programs uses supplementary admission criteria in screening applicants. Supplementary criteria may include rank-ordering of freshman applicants based on the CSU eligibility index or rank-ordering of transfer applicants based on the overall transfer grade point average, completion of specified prerequisite courses, and a combination of campus-developed criteria. Applicants for freshman admission to impacted campuses or programs are required to submit scores on either the SAT or the ACT. For fall admission, applicants should take tests as early as possible and no later than November or December of the preceding year.

The supplementary admission criteria used by the individual campuses to screen applicants are made available by the campuses to applicants who seek admission to an impacted program. Details regarding the supplemental admissions criteria are also provided at www.calstate.edu/impactioninfo.shtml.

Application Filing Periods

<u>Terms in</u> <u>2012 - 2013</u>	<u>Applications</u> <u>First Accepted</u>	<u>Initial Filing</u> <u>Period</u>
Fall 2012	October 1, 2011	Oct 1 - Nov 30, 2011
Spring 2013	August 1, 2012	August 1-31, 2012

Filing Period Duration

Each non-impacted campus accepts applications until capacities are reached. Many campuses limit undergraduate admission in an enrollment category due to overall enrollment limits. Students applying after the initial filing period should consult the campus admissions office for current information. Similar information is conveniently available at www.csumentor.edu/filing_status/Default.asp.

Application Acknowledgment

On-time applicants may expect to receive an acknowledgment from their first-choice campus within two to four weeks after filing the application. The notice may also include a request that applicants submit additional records necessary to evaluate academic qualifications. Applicants may be assured of admission if the evaluation of relevant qualifications indicates that applicants meet CSU admission requirements, and in the case of admission impaction, campus requirements for admission to an impacted program. An offer of admission is not transferable to another term or to another campus.

Undergraduate Requirement Deadlines

Prior to matriculation (official registration as a CSULB-admitted student), students must complete, in a timely manner, admission requirements — including subject requirements, unit minimums, grade-point averages, final transcript and testing requirement. Refer to the Enrollment Services web site (www.csulb.edu/enrollment) for current requirements.

Intrasystem and Intersystem Enrollment Programs

Upper-division students enrolled at any CSU campus will have access to courses at other CSU campuses on a space available basis unless those campuses or programs are impacted or admission to the desired program or semester is closed. This access is offered without students

being required to be admitted formally to the host campus and sometimes without paying additional fees. Although courses taken on any CSU campus will transfer to the student's home CSU campus as elective credit, students, before enrolling at the host campus, should consult their home campus academic advisors to determine how such courses may apply to their specific degree programs.

There are two programs for enrollment within the CSU and one for enrollment between CSU and the University of California or California Community Colleges. Additional information about these programs is available from Office of Enrollment Services.

CSU Concurrent Enrollment – matriculated students in good standing may enroll on a space available basis at both their home CSU campus and a host CSU campus during the same term. Credit earned at the host campus is reported at the student's request to the home campus to be included on the student's transcript at the home campus.

CSU Visitor Enrollment – matriculated students in good standing enrolled at one CSU campus may enroll on a space available basis at another CSU campus for one term. Credit earned at the host campus is reported at the student's request to the home campus to be included on the student's transcript at the home campus.

Intersystem Cross Enrollment – matriculated CSU, UC, or community college students may enroll on a space available basis for one course per term at another CSU, UC, or community college and request that a transcript of record be sent to the home campus.

Concurrent Enrollment Within the CSU

All CSULB students wishing to enroll concurrently at CSULB and one of the other 23 California State University campuses must request permission to do so from the Office of Enrollment Services. Concurrent enrollment within the California State University system is limited to students who have completed a minimum of 12 units at CSULB, have a minimum 2.0 grade-point average, are in good academic standing and have paid fees at CSULB for 12 units or more regardless of the total number of units earned at both campuses. No additional fees may be collected after the last day to add classes. Concurrent Enrollment is subject to space availability and registration priority policies at the host campus.

No graduate student may register concurrently at this and any other collegiate institution without advance permission. Permission may be given for concurrent enrollment at CSULB and other institutions if recommended by the department graduate advisor and approved by the Dean of the appropriate college. Forms for concurrent enrollment may be obtained from the college office. When such permission is granted, the academic load at CSULB must be reduced accordingly.

Visitor Enrollment Within the CSU

Students enrolled in any CSU campus may apply to transfer temporarily to another CSU campus in Visitor status, if they have (1) completed 12 units at the home campus, (2) have earned at least a 2.0 cumulative GPA at the home campus, (3) are in good academic standing at the home campus, and (4) are eligible to register under continuing status at the home campus. Approval for visitor enrollment is valid for one term only and is subject to the host campus policies including application deadlines, space availability,

and registration priority. Details and Visitor Enrollment Applications are available at the Office of Enrollment Services. Students from other CSU campuses seeking visitor status at CSULB must also contact their home registration office for additional information.

Enrollment of Non-matriculated Students

Applicants not admissible at this time under any of the preceding categories could enroll in another institution, such as a community college, to prepare for admissibility at a future date. Non-matriculated students may be able to avail themselves of programs in the College of Continuing and Professional Education.

Open University (Concurrent Enrollment) — Through Open University, students who are NOT matriculated in CSULB may take regular university classes during spring or fall semesters for academic credit on a “space available” basis with permission of the department chair and the course instructor. Open University enrollment does NOT constitute admission to CSULB. For more information call the College of Continuing and Professional Education at (562) 985-5561.

Summer Sessions, May Intersession, and Winter Session Students

Summer, May, and Winter Session enrollment is open to all matriculated CSULB students and all non-matriculated students such as prospective students, students from other colleges and universities, and interested individuals from the community. No application or admissions process is required for summer and winter registration.

CSULB does not admit matriculated students to start in the winter, May, or summer session. Registration in winter, May, or summer as a non-matriculated student does not insure the privilege of enrolling in the fall or spring semester as a matriculated student. To register for winter, May, or summer session courses, students should contact the College of Continuing and Professional Education at (562) 985-5561.

Freshman Applicants

Preparation and Eligibility

California State University, Long Beach continues to be the University of Choice for a talented and diverse group of California's best and brightest students. Beginning with Fall 2002, CSULB has been receiving more first-time freshman applicants than can be accommodated. To maintain the academic quality of CSULB academic programs and services, supplemental admissions criteria, are applied to first-time freshman applicants. First-time freshmen must:

- Apply on time. Apply between October 1 and November 30.
- Take the SAT 1 or ACT preferably during October but no later than December and request scores be sent to CSULB.
- Complete the CSU required 15 unit course pattern prior to graduation.
- Perform well – earn the best grades possible (including the senior year).
- Pursue a back up plan should they not be offered admission to CSULB.

Students will qualify for regular admission when the university verifies that they have a CSULB qualifiable minimum eligibility index and will have completed the comprehensive pattern of college preparatory "a-g" subjects.

The university has no current plans to include the writing scores from either of the admissions tests in the computation of the CSU Eligibility Index.

Eligibility Index

The eligibility index is the combination of the high school grade-point average and scores on either the ACT or the SAT. Grade-point averages (GPA) are based on grades earned in courses taken during the final three years of high school. Included in calculation of GPA are grades earned in all college preparatory "a-g" subject requirements with bonus points for approved honors courses (excluding physical education and military science).

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

A CSU Eligibility Index (EI) can be calculated by multiplying a grade-point average by 800 and adding the total of *the mathematics and critical reading scores* of the SAT. Students who took the ACT, multiply the grade-point average by 200 and add ten times the ACT composite score (add 2 points to the ACT score received if taken prior to October, 1989). Persons who are California high school graduates (or residents of California for tuition purposes) need a minimum index of 2900 using the SAT I or 694 using the ACT to be considered for admission.

For admission to terms during the 2012-2013 college year, the university has no plans to include the writing scores from either of the admissions tests in the computation of the CSU Eligibility Index.

Persons who neither graduated from a California high school nor are residents of California for tuition purposes, need a minimum index of 3502 (SAT) or 842 ACT; (2 points are added to the ACT score if it was taken prior to October, 1989). Graduates of secondary schools in foreign countries must be judged to have academic preparation and abilities equivalent to applicants eligible under this section.

California State University, Long Beach requires all applicants for freshman admission to submit test scores from the SAT I or ACT, regardless of their high school grade-point average. No freshman applicants will be admitted who have not submitted the required test scores.

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 higher, a comprehensive pattern of college preparatory study totaling 15 units. A "unit" is one year of study in high school.

Social Science - 2 years to include 1 year of U.S. History and/or Government
English – 4 years
Mathematics – 3 years to include algebra, geometry, and intermediate algebra
Science – 2 years with laboratory to include 1 year of biological science and 1 year physical science
Foreign Language – 2 years in the same foreign language (subject to waiver for applicants demonstrating equivalent competence).
Visual and Performing Arts – 1 year-long course in which the second semester builds on the first from a single VPA area to include art, dance, drama/theater, or music
Electives – 1 year selected from the areas above.

Foreign Language Waiver

The foreign language subject requirement may be satisfied by applicants who demonstrate competence in a language other than English equivalent to or higher than that expected of students who complete two years of foreign language study. Students should consult with their school counselor or any CSU campus admission or relations with schools office for further information.

Special Admission Consideration for Students with Disabilities

California residents who may not meet the regular admission requirements due to a disability but are “otherwise qualified” may appeal for special admission consideration. A student wishing to be considered for special admission to CSULB must apply through the regular admission process and special admission concurrently, in accordance with all deadlines specified by Enrollment Services. Disabled Student Services (DSS) reviews each applicant on a case-by-case basis and provides recommendations to Enrollment Services for the final admission decision. For more information, call (562) 985-5401, visit www.csulb.edu/sbp or go to Brotman Hall, Room 270.

High School Students — Young Scholars Program

High school students may be considered for enrollment in certain special programs if recommended by the principal and the appropriate campus department chair and if preparation is equivalent to that required of eligible California high school graduates. Such admission is only for a given specific program and does not constitute a right to continued enrollment. More information is available from the Office of University Outreach and School Relations at (562) 985-5358 or www.csulb.edu/outreach.

Honors Courses

Grades, in up to eight semester courses designated as honors courses in approved subjects and taken in the last two years of high school, receive additional points in grade-point average calculations. Each unit of A in approved courses will receive a total of 5 points; B, 4 points; C, 3 points; D, 1 point; and none for F grades.

Transfer Policies of CSU Campuses

Authority for decisions regarding the transfer of undergraduate credits is delegated to each California State University (CSU) campus. Most commonly, college level credits earned from an institution of higher education

accredited by a regional accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department of Education are accepted for transfer to campuses of the CSU.

The CSU General Education-Breadth (GE-Breadth) program allows California community college transfer students to fulfill lower-division general education requirements for any CSU campus prior to transfer. Up to 39 of the 48 GE-Breadth units required can be transferred from and certified by a California college. “Certification” is the official notification from a California community college that a transfer student has completed courses fulfilling lower-division general education requirements. The CSU GE-Breadth certification course list for particular community colleges can be accessed at www.assist.org.

Campuses may enter into articulation agreements on either a course for course or program to program basis. Such articulations are common between CSU campuses and any or all of the California community colleges, but may exist between CSU campuses and other institutions. Established CSU/CCC articulations may be found on www.assist.org.

No more than 70 semester units may be transferred to a CSU campus from an institution which does not offer bachelor’s degrees or their equivalents, e.g., community colleges. Given the university’s 30-unit residency requirement, no more than 90 total units may be transferred into the university from all sources.

Provisional Admission

California State University, Long Beach 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 final two years of study to ensure that admitted students complete their secondary school studies satisfactorily, including the required college preparatory subjects, and graduation from high school. Students are required to submit an official transcript after graduation to certify that all course work has been satisfactorily completed. Official high school transcripts must be received prior to the deadline set by the university. In no case may documentation of high school graduation be received any later than the census date for a student’s first term of CSU enrollment. A campus may rescind admission decisions, cancel financial aid awards, withdraw housing contracts, and cancel any university registration for any student who is found not to be eligible after the final transcript has been evaluated.

Applicants will qualify for regular (non-provisional) admission when the university verifies that they have graduated and received a diploma from high school, have a qualifiable minimum eligibility index, have completed the comprehensive pattern of college preparatory “a-g” subjects, and, if applying to an impacted program or campus, have met all supplementary criteria.

Lower Division Transfer Requirements

Students who have completed college units after graduation from high school are considered transfer students. Students who have completed fewer than 60 transferable semester college units (fewer than 90 quarter units) by the established deadlines are considered lower-division transfer students. CSULB does not currently accept applicants for most majors at the lower-division level.

Upper Division Transfer Requirements

Students who have completed 60 or more transferable semester college units by the established deadlines are considered upper-division transfer students. (See Undergraduate Requirement Deadlines above.) Since CSULB continues to be a high-demand campus and expects to receive more applications than can be accommodated, competitive admission has been implemented for the transfer class in order to maintain the academic quality of campus programs and services. All upper division transfer applicants must apply to a specific major and meet all of the following minimum CSU standards by established deadlines:

1. Have completed a minimum of 60 transferable semester units with a GPA of at least 2.0 ("C" or better) in all transferable units attempted (non-residents must have a 2.4 GPA or better), and
2. be in good standing at the last college or university attended, and
3. have completed at least sixty (60) transferable semester units of college coursework with a grade point average of 2.0 or higher and a grade of C or better in each course used to meet the CSU general education requirements in written communication, oral communication, critical thinking and quantitative reasoning, e.g. mathematics. The 60 units must include at least 30 units of courses, which meet CSU general education requirements including all of the general education requirements in communication in the English language (both oral and written) and critical thinking and the requirement in mathematics/quantitative reasoning (usually 3 semester units) OR the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) requirements in English communication and mathematical concepts and quantitative reasoning.

Applicants to non-impacted majors who meet the minimum criteria as outlined above will be considered in the competitive round. Admission offers will be based on applicants' overall transfer grade point average and space availability. Applicants to non-impacted majors who are transferring directly from Long Beach City College, Orange Coast College, Golden West College or Coastline Community College and have completed at least 30 units at one of these institutions and will be held only to the minimum CSU criteria listed above.

In addition to the CSU minimum requirements outlined above, students seeking admission to impacted programs must satisfy additional, supplemental criteria. Students applying to impacted majors are encouraged to designate an alternate major in which they are seriously interested and committed to pursuing. If not admitted to an impacted program, students may be considered for admission to the alternate major or offered redirection to another CSU campus that is accepting applications. For more details, please check the campus website at www.csulb.edu/ enrollment.

Student Transfer Achievement Reform (STAR) Act (SB 1440)

The Student Transfer Achievement Reform (STAR) Act (SB 1440) establishes an Associate in Arts (AA-T)

or Associate in Science (AS-T) for transfer for California Community College student and is designed to provide a clear pathway to the CSU degree major.

California Community College students who earn a transfer associate (AA-T or AS-T) degree are guaranteed admission with junior standing to the CSU and given priority admission over other transfer students when applying to a local campus, or non-impacted program. AA-T or AS-T admission applicants are given priority consideration to impacted campus and/or program that has been deemed similar to the degree completed at the community college. Students who have completed an AA-T/AS-T in a program deemed similar to a CSU major are able to complete remaining requirements for graduation within 60 semester units.

International Student Applicants

The International Admissions component of the Center for International Education assists academically eligible international students to apply for admission to the University, and advises them of CSULB's financial, immigration and English language requirements. Throughout the students' attendance, the International Student Services staff is involved in their registration, evaluation of transfer credit, changes of majors, and graduation checks. Students are also counseled regarding their field of study requirements, which vary at both the undergraduate and graduate levels.

International (Foreign) Admission Requirements

CSULB encourages eligible international students to apply for undergraduate and graduate level studies. The CSU must assess the academic preparation of foreign students. For this purpose, international students include those who hold U.S. temporary visas as students, exchange visitors, or in other nonimmigrant classifications. Application requests and questions should be directed to International Admissions (cie-admission@csulb.edu), located in the Center for International Education (BH 201).

The CSU uses separate requirements and application filing dates in the admission of international students. Verification of English proficiency (see the section on the English Language Requirement for undergraduate applicants), financial resources, and academic performance are each important considerations for admission.

International students need to complete the International application on CSUMentor (www.csumentor.edu). The following documents are required:

1. International application form;
2. \$55.00 application processing fee;
3. Affidavit of support from financial sponsor;
4. Bank statement/letter from financial sponsor;
5. Proof of acceptable English proficiency;
6. Official academic documents and certified English translations;
7. ACT or SAT (required for student athletes and graduates of U.S. high schools);

Once all the documents are submitted to the International Admissions Office, eligibility for admission will be determined based on English proficiency and academic history, as well as other considerations. Graduate applications will also be

forwarded to the graduate departments for review. Once admitted, international students will receive pre-arrival, arrival, and orientation information, and the appropriate immigration form and instructions on how to legally enter and/or remain in the U.S.

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) requires that international students be aware of and follow DHS regulations to remain legally in the U.S. for the duration of their academic status. International students on “F” and “J” visas must be enrolled as full time students. Courses taken through the College of Continuing and Professional Education at CSULB or courses taken concurrently at other colleges may only count toward full time status when approved in advance of course registration by the Center for International Education. Questions about DHS policies may be directed to the Center for International Education.

TOEFL Requirement

All undergraduate applicants whose native language is not English and 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 (Paper: 500, iBT: 61) unless the applicant:

1. has proof of at least three years attendance at a secondary level educational institution in a country where English was the principal language of instruction.* CSULB interprets “where English was the principal language of instruction” to mean that a school is located in a country where English is the native language (the daily medium of communication of the majority of residents is English), and that the students receive academic instruction in all subjects (except foreign language courses) at all levels of education in English, or
2. completed at least 60 transferable units from accredited U.S. community colleges and/or universities and earned a grade of A, B, or C in English 100 or its equivalent*, or
3. successfully completed Level 4 of CSULB’s American Language Institute’s Intensive English Language Program.*
4. presents a minimum score of 6.0 or higher on the International English Language Testing System (IELTS).
5. Presents a minimum score of 43 on the Pearson Test of English.

Undergraduate applicants who are U.S. Citizens or Permanent Residents of the U.S. and who are subject to the above TOEFL requirement may submit results from the English Language Proficiency Test (ELPT) in lieu of TOEFL. A score of 954 on the ELPT is required of such applicants.

EXCEPTION: Applicants applying for Film and Electronic Arts, which requires a 550 TOEFL score, and Journalism, which requires a 600 TOEFL score, will not be waived from the TOEFL requirement.

*For this exemption to remain valid, once having met the exemption, the student must not have left the U.S.A. for more than two years to reside or study in a country where English is not the predominant language of business, education and day-to-day societal functions.

Insurance Requirement

Effective August 1, 1995, as a condition of receiving an

I-20 or DS-2019 form, all F-1 and J-1 visa applicants must agree to obtain and maintain health insurance as a condition of registration and continued enrollment in the California State University. Such insurance must be in amounts as specified by the United States Department of State and NAFSA: Association of International Educators. The campus President or designee will determine which insurance policies meet these criteria. Further information may be obtained from the Center for International Education, Brotman Hall 201, (562) 985-4106.

Special Consideration

A very limited number of applicants who do not meet regular admission requirements may be considered by the University through an alternate screening process. As part of this review, admission may be offered based on institutional interests, special talents, or special circumstances. The authority to grant special admission is delegated to the Associate Vice President for Enrollment Services based on the recommendations of the appropriate campus committees.

Admission as a Candidate for a Second Baccalaureate Degree

CSULB accepts applicants for a second B.A./B.S. in science, math, engineering, and the Nursing. Candidates for a second baccalaureate degree should apply using the graduate application.

Graduate and Post-Baccalaureate Application Procedures

All graduate and post-baccalaureate applicants (e.g., Ed.D., joint Ph.D. applicants, master’s degree applicants, those seeking educational credentials or certificates, and where permitted, and 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. Applicants seeking a second bachelor’s degree should submit the graduate application for admission unless specifically requested to do otherwise. Applicants who completed undergraduate degree requirements 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, re-routing to alternate campuses or later changes of campus choice are 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. An electronic version of the CSU graduate application is available on the World Wide Web at www.csumentor.edu.

Graduate and Post-Baccalaureate Admission Requirements

Graduate and post-baccalaureate applicants may apply for a degree objective, a credential or certificate objective, or where approved, may have no program objective. Depending on the objective, the CSU will consider 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 academic standing at the last college or university attended; (3) have earned a grade point average of at least 2.5 on the last degree completed by the candidate or have attained a grade point average of at least 2.5 (A=4.0) in the last 60 semester (90 quarter) units attempted; 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.
- Students who meet 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, applicants are required to fulfill all of the professional, personal, scholastic, and other standards, including qualifying examinations, prescribed by the campus; or
- Graduate Conditionally Classified – Applicants may be admitted to a graduate degree program in this category if, in the opinion of appropriate campus authority, deficiencies may be remedied by additional preparation; or
- Post-Baccalaureate Classified, e.g. admission to an education credential program – Persons wishing to enroll in a credential or certificate program, will be required to satisfy additional professional, personal, scholastic, and other standards, including qualifying examinations, prescribed by the campus; or
- 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, applicants must be admitted as post-baccalaureate unclassified students. By meeting the general requirements, applicants are eligible for admission as post-baccalaureate unclassified students. Admission in this status does not constitute admission to, or assurance of consideration for admission to, any graduate degree or credential program (Most CSU campuses do not offer admission to unclassified post-baccalaureate students).

These and other CSU admissions requirements are subject to change as policies are revised and laws are amended. The CSU website www.calstate.edu and the CSU admissions portal www.csumentor.edu are good sources of the most up-to-date information.

Graduate and Post-Baccalaureate English Language Requirement

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 receive a minimum score, some

programs require a higher score, on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (Paper-Based Test: 550, Internet-Based Test: 80), unless the applicant:

1. Submits proof of having obtained a bachelor's degree from an accredited post-secondary institution where English was the principal language of instruction. CSULB interprets "where English is the principal language of instruction" to mean that a school is located in a country where English is the native language (the daily medium of communication of the majority of residents is English), and the applicant received academic instruction in all subjects (except foreign language courses) at all levels of education in English, or
2. Notification from CSULB's American Language Institute that the applicant has successfully completed level 6 of the American Language Institute Program.

NOTE: Several CSU campuses may use alternative methods for assessing fluency in English including Pearson Test of English Academic (PTE Academic), the International English Language Testing System (IELTS), and the International Test of English Proficiency (ITEP).

EXCEPTION: Applicants applying for Public Policy and Administration, which requires a 600 TOEFL, will not be waived from the TOEFL requirement. Also, for this exemption to remain valid for other students, once having met the exemption, the student must not have left the U.S.A. for more than two years to reside or study in a country where English is not the predominant language of business, education and day-to-day societal functions.

Application to Credential Programs

Students planning to enroll in credential programs must also file an application for admission to the University.

Information on application to credential programs is available from the appropriate department or program coordinator.

Note: Some programs have established application periods each year which are separate from the University application periods and process.

Auditors

Persons who have not been accepted by the University for the semester they wish to attend may request permission to audit courses through College of Continuing and Professional Education.

Students who have been accepted by the University may audit courses. See the regulation under "Grades and Administrative Symbols." The deadline to declare an "audit" grade option is the end of the third week of instruction. Follow the instructions in the *Schedule of Classes* for requesting a course as an "audit" grading option. At the end of the semester the instructor will assign an "audit" grade to the official grade sheet which will be forwarded to the Office of Enrollment Services for recording. Courses taken for audit may be repeated in subsequent terms for credit.

Courses successfully audited are listed on the student's academic record but carry no credit or grade points.

Returning and Transfer Students

Returning students must reapply to the university under the same conditions and deadlines as all other applicants.

Students who have not maintained continuous attendance status shall be subject to the General Education requirements in effect at the time of their reentry to the university, with the following exceptions.

Previous CSULB students who were under earlier General Education requirements and who before breaking continuous attendance needed no more than three additional courses to complete the entire General Education requirement shall be allowed to complete the General Education requirement in effect at the time of the previous attendance. However, all students must complete at least 9 units of upper division General Education courses, of which a minimum of 6 units must be Capstone courses.

Previous CSULB students who were under the earlier General Education requirements and who before breaking continuous attendance completed one or more upper-division GE courses shall be required to complete additional Capstone courses as needed to complete the total of 9 upper-division units. At least two of the courses in the overall program must be Capstone courses.

Transfer students who enter CSULB with full GE certification from a California Community College must complete both the Human Diversity in the U.S. and the Global Issues requirements if these requirements were not met through transfer, but these students need not complete any other GE courses except the Capstone, which cannot be met through transfer from a community college. Transfer students who enter CSULB without full GE certification from a California Community College must complete the CSULB General Education requirements.

Hardship Petitions

The campus has established procedures for consideration of qualified applicants who would be faced with extreme hardship if not admitted. Petitioners should write the campus Admissions Office regarding specific policies governing hardship admission. (See Admissions Procedures and Policies at the beginning of this section.)

Early Start Program

Beginning with the class of 2012, entering resident freshmen who are not proficient in math or “at risk” in English will need to start the remediation process before their first term. By 2014, all new freshmen students who have not demonstrated college-readiness in mathematics and English will need to begin work on becoming ready for college-level English before the start of their first term.

The goals of Early Start Program are to:

- Better prepare students in math and English, before the fall semester of freshman year;
- Add an important and timely assessment tool in preparing students for college; and
- Improve students’ chances of successful completion of a college degree.

For 2012, resident students would be required to participate in the Early Start Program if their ELM score is less than 50 and/or their EPT score is less than 138. Newly admitted freshman students who are required to complete Early Start will be notified of the requirement and options for completing the program as part of campus communications to newly admitted students.

Adult Students

As an alternative to regular admission criteria, an applicant twenty-five years of age or older may be considered for undergraduate admission as an adult student who meets all the following conditions:

1. Possesses a high school diploma (or has established equivalence through either the General Educational Development or 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. If there has been any college attendance in the last five years, has earned a “C” average or better in all college work attempted.

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

Senior Citizen Education Program

The Senior Citizen Education Program enables eligible California residents 60 years of age or older to enroll as regular students at a cost of \$3.00 per semester. The program, which was founded at CSULB, has been in operation since 1975. Individuals are attending courses in a variety of subject areas and class levels from freshman through graduate standing.

Note: Regular admission standards apply. Requests to waive the application filing fee must accompany the application. Once admitted to the University, students will be sent registration information advising them of the procedures for fee payment and the dates that they may register. Courses are available to program participants approximately three weeks before the beginning of each semester on a “space available” basis. Due to high enrollment and impacted programs some courses may not be available for participation by Senior Citizens.

Participants in the Senior Citizen Education Program are required to maintain good academic standing and are subject to all university policies, procedures, late fee payments and deadlines.

Test Requirements

The office of Testing, Evaluation and Assessment administers local, state and national tests for placement and certification. Test programs currently offered include the SAT, ACT, EPT/ELM, WPE, and Chemistry 111A.

Freshman applicants must submit SAT I and/or ACT scores directly to CSULB. Students should take these tests no later than December of the prior year. Registration forms and dates for the SAT and/or ACT are available from high school or college counselors or from a CSU campus testing office. Students also may contact:

The College Board (SAT)	ACT Registration Unit
Registration Unit, Box 6200	P.O. Box 414
Princeton, NJ 08541-6200	Iowa City, Iowa 52240
www.collegeboard.org	www.act.org

The office of Testing, Evaluation and Assessment at CSULB is located in Brotman Hall 216. For information, phone (562) 985-4007, FAX (562) 985-2415, or visit the Testing Office website at www.csulb.edu/testing.

English Language Requirement

All undergraduate applicants whose native language is not English and 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 score of 61 (iBT) or above on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). Some majors may require a score higher than 61. Applicants taking the Computer Based Test of English as a Foreign Language must present a score of 173 or above. Some majors and some campuses may require a higher score. A few campuses may also use alternative methods of assessing English fluency: Pearson Test of English Academic (PTE Academic), the International English Language Testing System (IELTS), and the International Test of English Proficiency (ITEP).

Each campus will post the tests it accepts on its website and will notify students after they apply about the tests it accepts and when to submit scores.

Systemwide Placement Test Requirements

The California State University requires that each entering undergraduate, except those who qualify for an exemption, take the CSU Entry Level Mathematics (ELM) examination and the CSU English Placement Test (EPT) prior to enrollment. These placement tests are not a condition for admission to the CSU, but they may be a condition of enrollment. These examinations are designed to identify entering students who may need additional support in acquiring college entry-level English and mathematics skills necessary to succeed in CSU baccalaureate-level courses. Undergraduate students who do not demonstrate college-level skills both in English and in mathematics will be placed in appropriate remedial programs and activities prior to the first term of their enrollment. Students placed in remedial programs in either English or mathematics must complete all remediation in their first year of enrollment. Failure to complete remediation by the end of the first year may result in denial of enrollment for future terms.

For further information about test programs at CSULB, call (562) 985-4007, go to www.csulb.edu/testing or go to Brotman Hall, Room 216.

English Placement Test (EPT)

The English Placement Test (EPT) is designed to assess the level of reading and writing skills of students entering the California State University. The CSU EPT must be completed by all non-exempt entering undergraduates prior to enrollment in any course, including remedial courses. Students who score 147 or above on the EPT will be placed in college-level composition classes.

Exemptions from the EPT are granted to students who provide proof of one of the following:

- A score of 500 or above on the critical reading section of the College Board SAT Reasoning Test
- A score of 22 or above on the American College Testing (ACT) English Test
- A score of 3 or above on either the Language and Composition or Composition and Literature examination of the College Board Scholastic Advanced Placement Program
- Completion and transfer to CSU of the credits for

a college course that satisfies the CSU General Education requirement in English Composition, provided such a course was completed with a grade of C or better

- A score of "Exempt" or "Ready for college-level English courses" on the CSU Early Assessment Program (EAP) taken along with the English Language Arts California Standard Test in grade 11.

Entry-Level Mathematics (ELM) Examination

The Entry Level Mathematics (ELM) Examination is designed to assess and measure the level of mathematics skills acquired through three years of rigorous college preparatory mathematics coursework (Algebra I and II, and Geometry) of students entering the California State University (CSU). The CSU ELM must be completed by all non-exempt entering undergraduates prior to enrollment in any course, including remedial courses. Students who score 50 or above on the ELM will be placed in college-level mathematics classes.

Exemptions from the ELM are granted to students who provide proof of one of the following:

- A score of 550 or above on the mathematics section of the College Board SAT Reasoning Test
- A score of 550 or above on a College Board SAT Subject Test in Mathematics (level 1 or level 2)
- A score of 23 or above on the American College Testing (ACT) Mathematics Test
- A score of 3 or above on the College Board Advanced Placement Calculus AB or Calculus BC exam
- A score of 3 or above on the College Board Advanced Placement Statistics examination
- Completion and transfer to CSU of a college course that satisfies the requirement in Quantitative Reasoning, provided such a course was completed with a grade of C or better
- A score of "Exempt" or "Ready for college-level Mathematics courses" on the CSU Early Assessment Program (EAP), taken in grade 11 in conjunction with the CST in Summative High School Mathematics or Algebra II
- A score of "Conditionally ready for college-level Mathematics courses" or "Conditional" on the CSU Early Assessment Program (EAP) taken in grade 11 along with the California Standards Test in Summative High School Mathematics or Algebra II, provided successful completion of a CSU-approved 12th grade math course that require Algebra II as a prerequisite

Advanced Placement Credit

California State University, Long Beach grants credit toward its undergraduate degrees for successful completion of examinations of the Advanced Placement (AP) Program of the College Board. Students who present scores of three or better will be granted up to six semester units (nine quarter units) of college credit for each AP course. Refer to the Advanced Placement Examination Credit table in the Academic Information section of this Catalog.

More specific information is available from the Office of Enrollment Service at (562) 985-5471 or a student's major department.

International Baccalaureate Credit

Students with scores of 5 or higher (4 in certain subjects) in International Baccalaureate Higher Level courses will be awarded baccalaureate credit of 4 to 10 units, depending on course equivalency. Applicants to CSULB who wish to obtain lower-division course credit for completed International Baccalaureate Higher Level examinations must submit an official IB transcript. Course equivalency for Higher Level examinations completed with satisfactory scores is listed in the International Baccalaureate Examination Credit table in the Academic Information section of this *Catalog*.

For questions or information, please call the Office of Enrollment Service at (562) 985-5471 or consult the department.

Immigration Requirements for Licensure

The Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (P.L. 104-193), also known as the Welfare Reform Act, includes provisions to eliminate eligibility for federal and state public benefits for certain categories of lawful immigrants as well as benefits for all illegal immigrants.

Students who will require a professional or commercial license provided by a local, state, or federal government agency in order to engage in an occupation for which the CSU may be training them must meet the immigration requirements of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act to achieve licensure. Information concerning these requirements is available from Academic Affairs, (562) 985-4128.

Immunization Requirements

Students enrolled in a California school for the seventh grade or higher on or after July 1, 1999 will have satisfied the requirements for Hepatitis B and for Measles and Rubella (German Measles). Entering CSULB students who have not satisfied these requirements must comply with the following requirements. These are not admission requirements, but students who do not satisfy them will not be permitted to enroll in the California State University. Failure to comply will result in a "hold" on future registration.

- Measles and Rubella (German Measles) Immunization: All new and readmitted students must provide proof of full immunization against measles and rubella prior to enrollment.
- Hepatitis B Immunization: All new students who will be 18 years of age or younger at the start of their first term at a CSU campus must provide proof of full immunization against Hepatitis B before enrolling. Full immunization against Hepatitis B consists of three timed doses of vaccine over a minimum 4 to 6 months period. If you need further details or have special circumstances, please consult Student Health Services. Each incoming freshman who will be residing in on-campus housing will be required to return a form indicating that they have received information about meningococcal disease and the availability of the vaccine to prevent contracting the disease and indicating whether or not the student has chosen to receive the vaccination. These are not admission requirements, but are required of students as

conditions of enrollment in CSU.

- Meningococcal Disease Information: Each incoming freshman who will be residing in on-campus housing will be required to return a form to housing indicating that they have received information about meningococcal disease and the availability of the vaccine.

References: CSU Executive Order No. 803 Immunization Requirements / California Assembly Bill 1107.

Measles/Rubella and Hepatitis B clearance is obtained by presenting to Student Health Services 1) a medical immunization record showing dates of shots given, or 2) a record of blood tests showing immunity, or 3) receiving immunization(s), or 4) making a request for medical or personal religious exemption. Students may receive the immunizations from their health care provider, HMO, or Public Health Department at low cost. Immunizations may also be obtained at Student Health Services for a minimal charge for Measles and Rubella (German Measles) and vaccine Hepatitis B. Acceptable proof may be by records from high school, private health care providers, and local health departments.

For details on immunization requirements and where to obtain vaccines, call Student Health Services, go to www.csulb.edu/shs or go to the Student Health Center at the corner of Beach Drive and Merriam Way.

Student Selection and Denial

The University reserves the right to select its students and deny admission to the University or any of its programs as the University, in its sole discretion, determines the appropriate criteria based on an applicant's suitability and the best interests of the University.

Estimated Expenses

Students should be prepared to meet expenses for fees within 30 days of registration. Books should be purchased when classes begin. Other expenses are ongoing and must be anticipated monthly and included in the total cost of attendance. Expenses generally go up an average three to four percent per year. Actual costs depend upon where the student lives and if there are dependent children. Financial aid programs are designed to help students meet standard University-related expenses during the academic year. The following budgets will assist students in planning costs for average expenses: (Costs include University fees, books and supplies, room and board, personal miscellaneous and transportation based on 2010-2011 CSULB budgets.)

Undergraduate living at home with parents (nine month term)	\$14,336
Undergraduate living in a residence hall (nine month term)	\$20,780
Single undergraduate living off-campus (apartment, house nine month term, assumes shared housing)	\$20,770

Housing

Living on campus is the ultimate way for students to enhance their college experience. There are more than 2,500 bed spaces and three dining halls to accommodate both new and continuing students. The priority application period for new residents is typically March 1 - May 1 of each year.

All first-time freshmen are required to live in campus residence halls during their first year at CSULB unless they are 21 years or older or will be living at home with a parent(s) or legal guardian(s) during their entire freshman year. Exemptions will be considered if verification is presented for students who are veterans or currently active duty; students who are married, domestically partnered, and/or have legally dependent children; students who have been independent and not claimed by their parent(s) for two calendar years; students carrying five units or less per semester for the entire academic year; students with special circumstances, such as medical or disability circumstances.

For more information about on and off-campus housing, call (562) 985-4187, go to www.csulb.edu/housing or go to the Housing Office at the corner of Atherton Street and Earl Warren Drive.

Appeal of Admission Decision

Section 89030.7 of the California Education Code requires the California State University establishes specific requirements for appeal procedures for a denial of admission. Each CSU campus must publish appeal procedures for applicants denied admission to the University. The procedure is limited to addressing campus decisions to deny an applicant admission to the University.

Admissions appeal procedures must address the basis for appeals, provide 15 business days for an applicant to submit an appeal, stipulate a maximum of one appeal per academic term, provide specific contact information for the individual or office to which the appeal should be submitted and must also be published on the campus website.