

Important Dates

Counselor Conference

September 17-30

Virtual

A schedule will be sent from
the Chancellor's Office

CSU Applications Available

October 1

CSU Application Deadline

December 4

Notification of acceptance

Beginning

February 2021

CSU campuses are prepared to be as flexible as possible when working with Fall 2020 applicants on meeting admission requirements.

Admissions Criteria Adjusted for 2021 Freshmen

The Covid-19 Pandemic necessitates an adjustment to the CSU admissions criteria for freshmen entering in 2021.

Students applying for Fall 2021, Spring 22 or Summer 22 will be "test blind" applicants. **SAT and ACT test scores will not be used as part of the admissions criteria.**

In addition, grades of P or CR will be allowed for 2021 and 2022 applicants although they will not be counted as part of GPA. GPA will be calculated with grades earned in a-g classes in the tenth and eleventh grades.

In addition, a student's admission offer will not be rescinded based on a non-receipt of transcripts.

Students will be admitted based on the 1.5 unit a-g course preparation pattern and a qualifying GPA of 2.5. Impacted programs may use supplemental factors to determine admission. A grid outlining these supplemental factors is being developed and will be sent to all counselors by the CSU Chancellor's Office.

The CSU is determined not to penalize students because of the pandemic.

Multiple Measures Continue to Guide Placement in College Classes

The placement process is separate from the admissions process in the CSU. Placement determines the courses that a student takes in English and math during their freshman year. The emphasis is on getting students into classes that will expediate graduation. This includes classes that have built in support to enable students to be successful. The criteria established for placement in English and math are the Multiple Measures. Multiple Measures are designed to give a wide range of measurements to use to determine placement.

The Covid-19 Pandemic and the disruption of the testing schedules, have resulted in the elimination of CAASPP scores or standardized test scores (SAT/ACT) as a placement criteria.

This elevates the importance of high school course completion and grades as criteria used for placement.

For Fall 2021 freshmen, the Chancellor's Office has indicated that individual campuses can consider additional factors to be used for placement criteria. Discussions to identify these criteria are underway at Fresno State and will be revealed when a decision is reached.

The English Department at Fresno State utilizes a self-selection process for placement. After considering a series of questions, a student is asked to determine which English course is the best option for their skill level.

Glossary of Terms

CAASPP	California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress
EAP	Early Assessment Test is included in the CAASPP Taken junior year
ERWC	Expository Reading and Writing Course
MRWC	Math Reasoning with Connections
QRAT	Quantitative Reasoning with Advanced Math Topics
TQR	Transitional Quantitative Reasoning

ERWC Professional Development Goes Online

Professional Development for teachers is one of the cornerstones of the Expository Reading and Writing (ERWC) program. In this time of sheltering in place and conducting school online, the ERWC training will also be online. Any teacher new to teaching ERWC should sign up for the online training to be certified.

The four day training will take place over four weeks, with each day of training content being offered over one week of time. There will be some Zoom time determined by a doodle poll after the enrollment for the class is closed. The bulk of the training will be asynchronous to provide the most flexibility for teachers. The lessons are designed to take about 6 hours per week and will utilize the Canvas platform.

Cohort 1
Week of
September 21
September 28
November 30
December 7

This Cohort is full

Cohort 2
Week of
October 2
October 19
January 25
February 1

*registration deadline
October 5 at 8:00 am*



The transition to ERWC 3.0 will be finalized this school year. Teachers previously certified to teach ERWC are encouraged to enroll in a 2 day update session. This session will be offered the weeks of October 26
November 2

The professional development will be conducted using the Canvas software. Teachers may enroll in an online training offered in any region in California. Teachers must start and finish with the same workshop.

To register for one of the workshops listed:

<https://calstate.eventsair.com/.erwc-30-intro—Fresno—101220/site>

The schedule for ERWC workshops conducted in California can be found at

<https://www2.calstate.edu/CAR/Pages/professional-learning-workshops.aspx>

Demonstration Sites Established for New Math Courses

The CSU recommends that every student planning to attend college take an advanced math class in their senior year. Fresno State is supporting three advanced math courses that prepare students for college math. All three of these classes are currently being piloted in the Central Valley and provide interested educators with an opportunity to see the curriculum in action.

Math Reasoning with Connections (**MRWC**) is in the second year at Madera High and Madera South High School. Teachers report an increased level of student engagement. Students appreciate an increased understanding of complex math concepts.

Quantitative Reasoning with Advanced Math Topics (**QRAT**) is being offered for the first year at Lemoore High School.

Transition to Quantitative Reasoning (**TQR**) is offered at Jameson High School in Lemoore.

A number of valley schools are interested in these math courses as a way to prepare their students to be successful in college math. The in person trainings scheduled for Summer 2020 were postponed.

Professional Development for all three of the courses **will** take place in Spring/Summer 2021. If allowed, the training will be in person. If in person training is not possible, the training will be done online. Fresno State recognizes the importance of addressing our math learning levels regardless of the type of instruction being used in California schools.

The College Readiness Office will continue to provide information about these classes and the accompanying professional development to interested schools. Please contact Susan Fisher (sufisher@mail.fresnostate.edu) to get started.

Counselor Corner

The **CSU Counselor Conference** will be an online experience this year. There will be a list of sessions posted. All will take place between September 17-30.

The CSU recommends that all **seniors be enrolled in an approved math class**. This class should have Alg 2 as a prerequisite.

The Chancellor's Office will not print and supply the **Multiple Measures booklets** this year due to budgetary constraints. The books have been available for guiding seniors toward college placement. It is possible that the books can be sent to you electronically to share with your students.

To encourage **early submission** of applications ten \$100 Amazon gift cards will be available to students starting October 19. Students submitting before November 23 will all be eligible for a \$1,000 Amazon gift card.

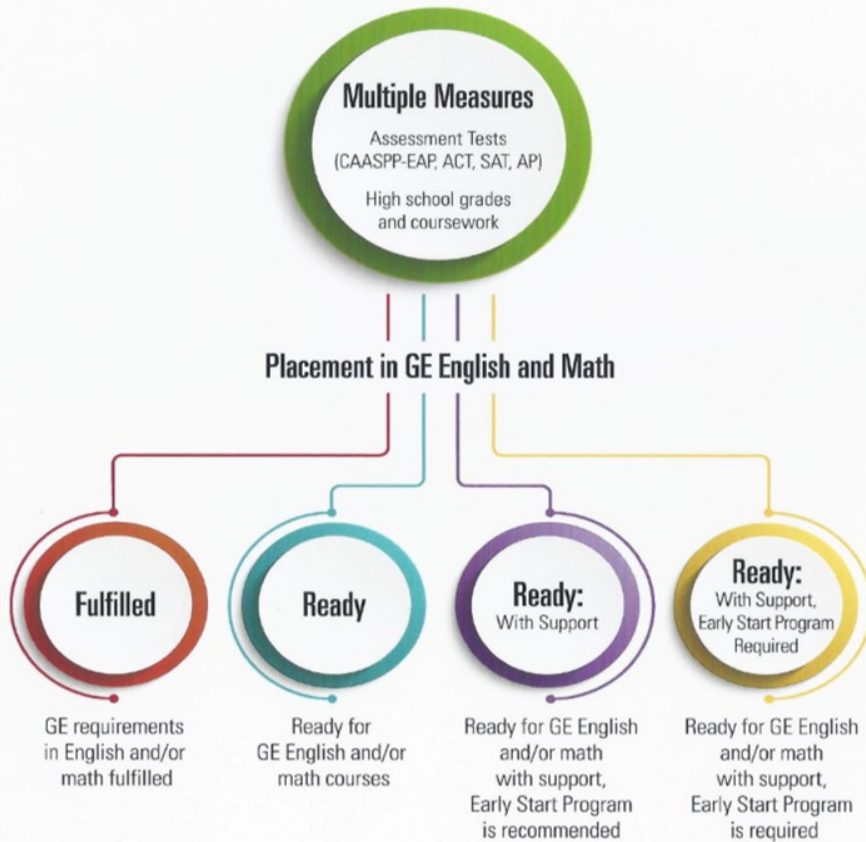
Fresno State admitted 1200 more students for Fall 2020 than Fall 2019. 700 of these students are first time freshmen. Kudos to counselors for guiding students to higher education.

There has been no decision made with regard to the **Early Start Program** for Summer 2021.

SAT and ACT scores will not be used as a criteria for admission to the CSU for students applying this Fall.

We are working remotely. Email is the best way to contact the College Readiness Office.

ACADEMIC PREPARATION = COLLEGE SUCCESS



CSU campuses will provide admitted first-time freshmen information about the appropriate next steps.

Community College Courses Accepted to Show

College Readiness

Students can demonstrate college readiness by successfully (C or better) completing any of the following community college courses.

Clovis Community College	English 125 English 126
College of Sequoias	English 251 Math 230
Fresno City College	English 125 Math 103 English 126 ESL 67 ESL 68
Merced City College	Engl A Math C
Porterville City College	Engl P050 Math P051
Reedley College	Engl 125 Math 103
West Hills Coalinga	Engl 51A Math 63 or 64
West Hills Lemoore	Engl 51 Math 63 or 64

REMINDER

ERWC CBED CODE IS 2118
FOR BOTH 11TH AND 12 TH GRADES

Good to Know

84% of all CSU students receive Financial Aid

59% of undergraduate students pay **NO TUITION**

50% of undergraduate students receive Pell Grants

Types of Financial Aid available include Federal Grants, CA Grants, work/study programs, and scholarships. Scholarships are campus based, freshmen scholarships, department based scholarships, and private scholarships.

Graduation Initiative 2025

Graduation 2025 is a series of strategies to increase the number of graduates from the CSU system while decreasing the time it takes for a students to complete the graduation requirements.

Graduate in 4 years goal is 40%	2015	19%	2019	28%
Graduate in 6 years goal is 70%	2015	57%	2019	62%
Transfer graduate in 2 years goal is 45%	2015	31%	2019	41%

Transfer graduate in 4 years goal is 85%	2015	73%	2019	78%
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The CSU system is on the way to meeting the 2025 goals!

Fresno State is an Impacted Campus

Campus Impaction occurs when more students apply for admission than there are spaces available. Fresno State has been an impacted campus for a number of years. CSU campuses also have impacted majors—when the number of applicants for a major exceeds the seats available. When a school or major is impacted, a high standard can be utilized to evaluate applications.

Fresno State is committed to serve the students of our area and will make every effort to admit local students prior to accepting students from out of our area.

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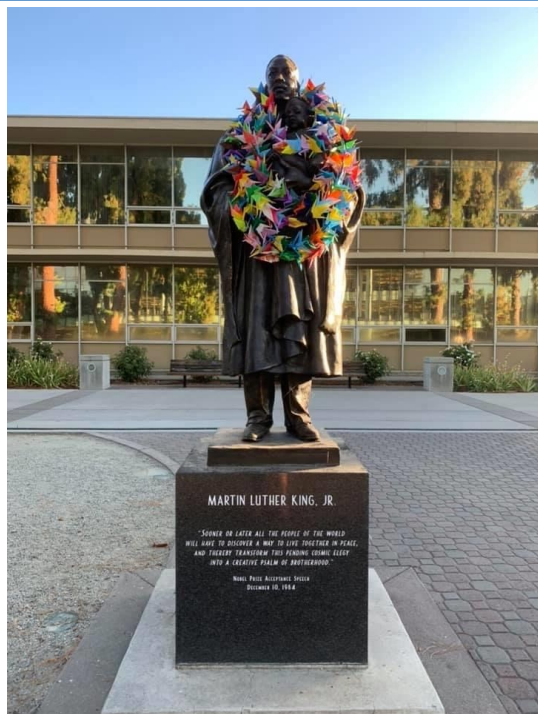
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DISCOVERY. DIVERSITY. DISTINCTION.

The College Readiness Office was established to assist secondary students with a successful transition to college course work. Personnel work primarily with high school administrators, counselors, and teachers to provide curriculum and training for high school staff and information for high school counselors. We are available to meet with school boards, administrators, counselors, teachers, and students to increase awareness of the skills necessary to be successful in college and to provide information regarding campus policies and procedures related to admissions and placement.

<http://www.fresnostate.edu/academics/eap/>



www.caschooldashboard.org

School and district test scores

www.calstate.edu/highschool

Provides data about each high school

Materials available for students, teachers and parents

The CSU's Chancellor's Office continues to develop online resources that guide and inform students and teachers and parents.

www.calstate.edu/eap/results

Allows students to check their EAP status

www.csusuccess.org

Information for students: get prepared of the CSU, personalized road map, exam prep tools, access to EAP test results.

www.csusuccess.org/juniors

College information for 11th grade students.

www.csumentor.edu

Counselor and educator link

High school planner and application filing status

www.writing.csusuccess

Online support for ERWC

Instructors

www.englishsuccess.org

Calibrated peer review for grading student essays

www.csumathsuccess.org/elearning

Professional development activities for math teachers

<http://gradcalc.csuprojects.org>

Allows a student to develop course schedules and project the amount of time it will take to graduate.

pfc.csusuccess.org

Paying for college scenarios

www.calstate.edu/highschool

Specific information about graduates from your high school

This newsletter published in the fall and spring of each school year.