

California State University

SAN MARCOS

NON-CALIFORNIA RESIDENT
FIRST TIME FRESHMAN APPLICANTS

Fall 2012 Freshman Admission Criteria - Non-California Residents

A first time freshman applicant is a prospective student who has never attended a college or university after the summer following high school graduation. First-time freshman applicants will be eligible for regular admission if they meet the following criteria:

1. Are or will be a high school graduate or completed a GED.
2. Meet the CSU admissions eligibility index based upon GPA in college preparatory classes and scores from the ACT or SAT Reasoning exam.
3. Have completed required courses with grades of "C" or higher in "A-G" college-preparatory subjects:
 - English (four years)
 - Mathematics (three years including Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II)
 - U.S. History and Social Science (two years)
 - Laboratory Science (biological science and physical science with laboratories)
 - Language Other Than English (two years in the same language)
 - Visual and Performing Arts (one year)
 - College Preparatory Elective (one year)

For fall admission, all requirements and high school graduation must be completed by the end of the preceding spring term; courses completed in summer 2012 will not be considered in the admissions evaluation.

Admissions Eligibility Index

The Eligibility Index is the combination of test scores and grade point averages required to meet minimum eligibility requirements for admission. The CSU does not use the SAT Writing section or the ACT Writing score to calculate the CSU Eligibility Index.

You can calculate your eligibility index by multiplying your grade point average by 800 and adding your combined score on the SAT, using the combined scores earned on the critical reading and math sections. The CSU does not use the SAT Writing score for admission purposes. You may use the best score earned in individual test dates. Or, if you took the ACT, multiply your grade point average by 200 and add ten times the ACT composite score. ACT Writing score is not considered in the composite score.

When you apply for admission before you graduate from high school, you should compute your GPA using grades earned in *a-g* courses completed after the 9th grade. Do not include grades you expect to earn in courses during the remainder of 12th grade.

Nonresidents of California are required to have a minimum eligibility index of 3502 (SAT) or 842 (ACT). A GPA of 3.61 or higher will qualify with any ACT or SAT Reasoning exam. For a complete listing of eligible GPA and test score combinations, visit csumentor.edu/planning.

Online Application for Admission - www.csumentor.edu

CSUMentor is an online resource designed to help students and their families learn about the California State University system and apply for admission.

Admissions and Recruitment
(760) 750-4848
www.csusm.edu/admissions

Campus Tours
M-F @ 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.
(760) 750-4830
www.csusm.edu/admissions

Financial Aid & Scholarships
(760) 750-4850
www.csusm.edu/finaid

On-Campus Housing
(760) 750-3711
www.uvasanmarcos.com

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Impacted Majors

Selection of major does not impact the admissions decision for first year applicants to CSU San Marcos. CSU San Marcos has five academic programs which are impacted at the upper-division level.

Business Administration: Applicants admitted as “Pre-Business” and apply to competitive process at Junior standing based upon GPA in pre-business core courses.

Communication: Applicants admitted as “Pre-Communication” and apply to competitive process for program options based upon GPA in major preparation courses.

Kinesiology: Applicants admitted as “Pre-Kinesiology” and apply to competitive process for program options based upon GPA in major preparation courses.

Mass Media: Applicants admitted as “Pre-Mass Media” and apply to competitive process for program options based upon GPA in major preparation courses.

Nursing/Pre-Nursing (Basic Nursing Program): Applicants admitted to “Pre-Health Sciences” and must meet criteria during first year to be selected for “Pre-Nursing”. Second screening for upper division major after completion of Nursing core based upon academic and non-academic factors.

Steps to Apply for Admission

1. Submit an application and application fee (\$55) to CSU San Marcos via CSU Mentor (csumentor.edu) during the priority application period (October 1, 2011 – November 30, 2011). You will receive both an email and hard copy confirmation.
2. Submit official ACT or SAT Reasoning exam scores to CSU San Marcos by February 1, 2012.
3. Check your application status on MyCSUSM.
4. Submit an Intent to Enroll and Enrollment Deposit by May 1, 2012 (admitted students).
5. Register for First Year Orientation (admitted students).
6. Submit a final, official transcript indicating completion of all admissions requirements and high school graduation by July 15, 2012 (admitted students).

Fall 2012 Admissions & Recruitment Important Dates & Deadlines*

October 1, 2011	Fall 2012 CSU priority application period begins
November 30, 2011	Fall 2012 CSU priority application period ends—Applications will be accepted on a non-priority basis after November 30 until further notice
December 4, 2011	Final SAT Reasoning exam which would be considered for fall 2012 admission
December 11, 2011	Final ACT exam which would be considered for fall 2012 admission
February 1, 2012	Deadline to complete application information (application fee, ACT/SAT scores, residency)
May 1, 2012	Deadline to submit Intent to Enroll and Enrollment Deposit
July 15, 2012	Deadline for final high school transcript with all grades/graduation posted

2011-2012 Estimated Cost of Attendance

Reflects Full-Time Enrollment

Undergraduate / On or Off Campus

Fees	\$ 6,596*
Tuition	\$11,160
Books	\$ 1,656
Food & Housing	\$ 10,863
Transportation	\$ 1,206
Personal /Misc.	\$ 2,853
Loan Fee	\$ 84
Total	\$ 34,418

*Fees based on 2011-2012 State University Fee levels. The CSU makes every effort to keep student costs to a minimum. Fees listed in published schedules or student accounts may need to be increased when public funding is inadequate. Therefore, CSU must reserve the right, even after initial fee payments are made, to increase or modify any listed fees, without notice, until the date when instruction for a particular semester or quarter has begun. All CSU listed fees should be regarded as **estimates** that are subject to change upon approval by The Board of Trustees.

Financial Aid & Scholarships

Over half of CSU San Marcos students receive financial aid. Begin the financial aid application process starting January 1, 2012. You do NOT need to be admitted to start the financial aid application process.

Submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by March 2nd to receive priority consideration for funds. Applications may be filed online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. In order to meet the March 2nd priority date, you may report estimated tax information if you or your parents have not filed your 2012 tax return. The CSU San Marcos Title IV school code is 030113.

There are a number of scholarships administered by CSUSM. To apply for these scholarships, you should complete the CSUSM General Scholarship Application found at www.csusm.edu/finaid.