

## **What are the ELM and EPT and why do I have to take them?**

The ELM and EPT are not admission tests. They are placement tests that enable us, the University, to determine whether you need additional preparatory courses in reading, writing, and mathematics before undertaking college level work requiring these fundamental skills. Cal State San Marcos provides courses that will help you achieve the skills needed to succeed in college. **If you are required to take the ELM or the EPT but fail to do so, you will be disenrolled from the University.**

For test dates and registration information visit our Career and Assessment website: <http://www.csusm.edu/careers/>

## **MATH PROFICIENCY REQUIREMENT**

**All students are required to demonstrate Entry Level Mathematics Proficiency by the end of the second semester of enrollment at CSU San Marcos.** Failure to demonstrate this proficiency will result in disenrollment from the University. All students must take the ELM (Entry Level Mathematics) test before enrolling in courses to determine the appropriate route toward satisfying this requirement unless they have demonstrated proficiency through one of the following ways:

- **SAT I** - A score of 550 or higher on the Mathematics section if taken April 1995 or later. A score of 530 or higher if taken before April 1995.
- **SAT II** - A score of 550 or higher on the Mathematics section Level I, IC, II or IIC.
- **ACT** - A score of 23 or higher on the Mathematics section.
- **Advanced Placement Test** - A score of 3, 4 or 5 on the AP Calculus Test, AB or BC or on the AP Statistics Test.
- **EAPM** - Early Assessment Program for Math. For freshmen applicants. The program is designed to determine students' readiness to do college level work in math while they are in their junior year of high school, and to align the CSU placement standards with the K-12 standards in math. Please see your high school counselor for more information or visit the California State University Early Assessment Program website: <http://www.calstate.edu/eap/>.
- **ELM** - A total score of 50-80 if taken March 2002 or later. A total score of 550-700 on the ELM (Entry Level Mathematics) test if taken before March 2002.
- **College Course** - Completion of a General Education certified college mathematics course with a grade of C or better.

## **CAL STATE SAN MARCOS ~ ELM PLACEMENT**

**If your ELM score is:**

**50 – 80**

You have met the Entry Level Mathematics requirement. Take the next appropriate lower division General Education mathematics course. Your academic advisor will assist you in selecting an appropriate course for your major.

- 40 – 48** You will be placed in CSUSM Math 051 Entry Level Mathematics. Completing this course with a grade of C or better will satisfy the Entry Level Mathematics requirement.
- 30 – 38** You will be placed in Palomar Math 050 Beginning Algebra. You will need two courses to satisfy the ELM requirement, Palomar Math 050 and CSUSM Math 051. You must complete Palomar Math 050 with a grade of C or better before enrolling in CSUSM Math 051.
- 0 – 28** You will be placed in Palomar Math 015 Pre Algebra. You will need three courses to satisfy the ELM requirement, Palomar Math 015, Palomar Math 050 and CSUSM Math 051. **All three courses must be completed with a grade of C or better within your first two semesters of attendance.**

## **ENGLISH PROFICIENCY REQUIREMENT**

**All students are required to demonstrate Entry Level English Proficiency by the end of the second semester of enrollment at CSU San Marcos.** Failure to demonstrate this proficiency will result in disenrollment from the University. All students must take the EPT (English Placement Test) before enrolling in courses unless they have demonstrated proficiency through one of the following ways:

- **SAT I** - A score of 550 or higher on the Verbal section if taken April 1995 or later. A score of 470 or higher if taken before April 1995.
- **SAT II** - A score of 680 or higher on the Writing Test if taken May 1998 or later. (If taken between April 1995 and April 1998, a score of 660 or higher is needed. If taken March 1995 or before, a score of 600 or higher is needed.)
- **ACT** - A score of 24 or higher on the English section.
- **Advanced Placement Test** - A score of 3, 4 or 5 on the Language and Composition exam or the Composition and Literature exam.
- **EAP** - Early Assessment Program for English. For freshmen applicants. The program is designed to determine students' readiness to do college level work in English-language arts while they are in their junior year of high school, and to align the CSU placement standards with the K-12 standards in English-language arts. Please see your high school counselor for more information or visit the California State University Early Assessment Program website: <http://www.calstate.edu/eap/>.
- **EPT**- A total score of 151 on the EPT (English Placement Test).
- **College Course**- Completion of a General Education certified college English course with a grade of C or better.

**Students who do not achieve a score of 151 on the English Placement Test must complete GEW 101 with a grade of C or better within their first two semesters of enrollment to establish English proficiency. Failure to do so will result in disenrollment from the University.**