

CSUSM Cougar Scholar: Early Start Courses

Math

Math 105 & Math 5

06/16/2025 - 08/09/2025

MoTuWeTh

10:00 AM - 11:15 AM

English

GEW 101A

06/24/2025 - 08/02/2025

MoTuWeTh

1:00 PM - 3:20 PM

\$203/unit

Fee waiver will apply automatically
if your Student Aid Index (SAI) is
\$6,000 or less

UNIV 180-5C

06/24/2025 - 08/02/2025

MoTuWeTh

9:00 AM - 11:10 AM

Math 105: Supported College Algebra

Description

College algebra with integrated review of intermediate algebra. Includes graphs, equations, inequalities, and functions (linear, polynomial, rational, root, exponential, logarithmic).

Corequisite

Students are required to take ESM 5 course at the same time. Enrollment is restricted to incoming first-year students in Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning Placement Categories III.

Total Units: 1 unit

Math 5: Recitation for Supported Algebra

Description

Integrated review of intermediate algebra with college algebra. Review of the rectangular coordinate system, lines, polynomial expressions, and arithmetic. Simplification of algebraic expressions, solution of quadratic and rational equations, properties of exponents, and arithmetic operations involving rational exponents and radicals. *Note: ESM5 does not count toward any graduation requirement to be completed at CSUSM, but it is counted in determining financial aid and VA benefits.*

Corequisite

Students are required to take ESM 105 course at the same time. Enrollment is restricted to incoming first-year students in Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning Placement Categories III.

Total Units: 2 units

Writing - GEW 101A: Writing as Critical Inquiry

Description

Focuses on critical reading and thinking as foundational skills for academic writing. Emphasizes information literacy in the analysis of a variety of texts and in the practice of reading and composing in multiple genres. Includes a multi-draft writing process that requires revision in response to peer and instructor feedback.

Corequisite

Students in ESW 101A are expected to pass the class with a C- (1.7) or better before progressing onto GEW 101B. ESW 101A is restricted to students in the Early Start Program. Cross-listed as GEW 101A.

Total Units: 4 units

University 101 - UNIV 180: The First-Year Seminar

Description

Designed to equip first-year students at CSUSM with the personal and academic skills, motivation, and self-understanding necessary to meet the demands of CSUSM's rigorous undergraduate curriculum as well as the demands of life beyond CSUSM. Includes the practical application of student development theory, information literacy, digital citizenship, self-advocacy, resource utilization, and intercultural competence necessary for college success and professional preparedness.

Total Units: 3 units

How do I sign up for Cougar Scholars, Early Start classes at CSUSM?

- 1. Complete the Early Start Smart Page*
- 2. Search for courses*
- 3. Register for courses*
- 4. Pay any associated fees/Fee waiver*

How do I sign up for Cougar Scholars, Early Start classes?

- *Go to your MyCSUSM account and log in.*

STEP 1: Log into your student portal at <https://my.csusm.edu/> and access your "Student Center."

CSUSM // MYCSUSM

Sign in to myCSUSM

Maintenance Schedule
Tuesday nights 9PM - 12AM as

Username
[input field]

Password
[input field]

Sign in

Trouble Logging In?
Clear cache and cookies and restart your browser.

Student Center
Use the student center to manage school related activities

Orientation Reservation
Orientation Reservation

My Booklist (Bookstore)
Personalized Booklist by Term

Personal Information
Mailing Addresses
Email Addresses
Phone Numbers
Emergency Contacts

Quick Links
Schedule Assistant Information For Undergraduates
Academic Calendar
Tuition, Registering, Exams, & Grad
Course Catalog
Class Schedule
Not Anymore Training
Not Anymore: Sexual Violence, Al
NSC Verify Enrollment
NSC Verify Enrollment

STEP 2: Select Early Start Program in your Student Center.

Ima's Student Center

Academics

Early Start Program

Search

Degree Planner

Enroll

My Academics

ARR (Graduation Eval)

other academic...

You are not enrolled in classes.

How do I sign up for Cougar Scholars, Early Start classes?

You will receive a pop-up message regarding your eligibility for the fee waiver for Early Start.

STEP 3: This page will determine which Early Start program you need. If you need to participate in both Written Communication and Mathematics, *you are only required to participate in one subject area*. If you are a STEM major and need to participate in both Written Communication and Mathematics, *it is recommended you participate in Mathematics*. Use the drop box to select the campus at which you would like to participate in Early Start. Click the confirmation button.

This page also provides information regarding if you qualify for a fee waiver under "Financial Aid Information".

Early Start Program go to ...
Ima Student Home Campus ID:

The Early Start Program is intended to give incoming freshmen the opportunity to enroll in Written Communication and/or Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning classes, with instructional support, prior to the term for which they have been admitted. The information below provides additional information about your participation in the Early Start Program.
[Click here to get information about Early Start courses & the CSU campuses where they are offered](#)

Written Communication

You are required to participate in the Early Start program this summer for Written Communication.
CSU Early Start Program

Using the drop-down menu(s) below, please indicate where you intend to participate in the Early Start Program for Written Communication

*School:
Opt Out:

Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning

You are required to participate in the Early Start program this summer for Math/Quantitative Reasoning.
CSU Early Start Program

Using the drop-down menu(s) below, please indicate where you intend to participate in the Early Start Program for Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning

*School:
Opt Out:

Financial Aid Information

You are not eligible for a CSU Early Start Program financial aid waiver. You will be required to pay fees when you enroll in an Early Start course at a CSU campus.

Confirm your selection(s) by clicking the Confirm button below

How do I sign up for Cougar Scholars, Early Start classes?

STEP 4: You will get a summary of your school selection. Select "Confirm Early Start Selection(s)" to go on to the next step.

Early Start Program - Confirm Selections

Ima Student Home Campus ID:

English


You have indicated you will participate in the Early Start Program for Written Communication at California State University, San Marcos. Your selection commits you to attending the Early Start Program at the specified campus for the duration of the summer.

Math

You have indicated you will participate in the Early Start Program for Math/Quantitative Reasoning at California State University, San Marcos. Your selection commits you to attending the Early Start Program at the specified campus for the duration of the summer.

Reminder: You are not eligible for a CSU Early Start Program financial aid waiver. You will be required to pay fees when you enroll in an Early Start course at a CSU campus.

Confirm your selection(s) by clicking the Confirm button below or select Cancel to return to the previous page.



How do I sign up for Cougar Scholars, Early Start classes?

STEP 5: Once you confirm your Early Start Selection, you must return to the Early Start Program page to begin registering for courses. Select "Return to Early Start Program Page"

Early Start Program - Final Confirmation

Ima Student

Home Campus ID:

English

Thank you for signing up for the Early Start Program for Written Communication at California State University, San Marcos. You may now enroll using the "Enroll in Early Start" link. Please review the email you received from Early Start, Proficiency Service for more information..

Math

Thank you for signing up for the Early Start Program for Math/Quantitative Reasoning at California State University, San Marcos. You may now enroll using the "Enroll in Early Start" link. Please review the email you received from the Early Start, Proficiency Services for more information.

This is a reminder that you are not eligible for a CSU Early Start Program financial aid waiver. You will be required to pay fees when you enroll in an Early Start course at a CSU campus.

If you will be seeking accommodation services for students with disabilities [click here](#)

Please print this Confirmation page for your records

[Return To Early Start Program Page](#)



How do I sign up for Cougar Scholars, Early Start classes?

STEP 6: Select "Enroll in Early Start Program" for your courses to populate and you can begin the course registration process. The courses that populate are specific to you and your placement.

Early Start Program go to ...

Ima Student Home Campus ID: [REDACTED]

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[Click here to get information about Early Start courses & the CSU campuses where they are offered](#)

Written Communication

You are required to participate in the Early Start program this summer for Written Communication.

[CSU Early Start Program](#)

The Written Communication ESP entries on this page reflect your current choice. If you would like to change this selection, please use the drop-down menu(s) below and indicate where you intend to participate in the Early Start summer program for Written Communication. Any changes to your current choice must be made by June 2, 2019.

*School: California State University, San Marcos

Opt Out:

Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning

You are required to participate in the Early Start program this summer for Math/Quantitative Reasoning.

[CSU Early Start Program](#)

The Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning ESP entries on this page reflect your current choice. If you would like to change this selection, please use the drop-down menu(s) below and indicate where you intend to participate in the Early Start summer program for Math/Quantitative Reasoning. Any changes to your current choice must be made by June 2, 2019.

*School: California State University, San Marcos

Opt Out:

Financial Aid Information

You are not eligible for a CSU Early Start Program financial aid waiver. You will be required to pay fees when you enroll in an Early Start course at a CSU campus.

Confirm your selection(s) by clicking the Confirm button below

Confirm Early Start Selection(s)

Enroll in Early Start Program ←

How do I sign up for Cougar Scholars, Early Start classes?

Search for classes.

Search for Classes | Degree Planner | Enroll | My Academics

My Class Schedule | Add | Drop | Swap | Term Information

Add Classes

Enter Search Criteria

Search for Classes

Cal State San Marcos | Summer 2025

Select at least 2 search criteria. Select Search to view your search results.

Class Search

Subject

Course Number

Course Career

- GE Writing
- Mathematics
- University-Wide Gen Studies

Additional Search Criteria

Return to Add Classes

Clear Search

- **Mathematics**
- **GE Writing**
- **University Wide Gen Studies**

▼ **MATH 5 - Recitation for Supported College Algebra**

Class	Section	Days & Times	Room	Instructor	Instructor	Meeting Dates	Status	View Booklist for This Course	Zero Cost Course Materials
33092	01-ACT Eight Wk 1	TBA	No In-Class Instruction	Shelly Ruderman	Shelly Ruderman	06/02/2025 - 07/26/2025	●	View Booklist for This Course	
Class	Section	Days & Times	Room	Instructor	Instructor	Meeting Dates	Status	View Booklist for This Course	Zero Cost Course Materials
33576	10-ACT CS 8Wx	TBA	No In-Class Instruction	To be Announced	Staff	06/16/2025 - 08/09/2025	●	View Booklist for This Course	

▼ **MATH 105 - Supported College Algebra**

Class	Section	Days & Times	Room	Instructor	Instructor	Meeting Dates	Status	View Booklist for This Course	Zero Cost Course Materials
33094	01-LEC Eight Wk 1	MoTuWeTh 10:00AM - 11:55AM	Markstein Hall 201	Shelly Ruderman	Shelly Ruderman	06/02/2025 - 07/26/2025	●	View Booklist for This Course	
Class	Section	Days & Times	Room	Instructor	Instructor	Meeting Dates	Status	View Booklist for This Course	Zero Cost Course Materials
33575	10-LEC CS 8Wx	MoTuWeTh 10:00AM - 11:55AM	Academic Hall 303	To be Announced	Staff	06/16/2025 - 08/09/2025	●	View Booklist for This Course	

Add BOTH Math 5, and Math 105 separately to your schedule

How do I sign up for Cougar Scholars, Early Start classes?

Select your course.

▼ ESM 5 - SUMMER EXPERIENCE IN MATHEMATICS

View All Sections First 1-3 of 4 Last

Section [01-LEC\(30477\)](#) Status ● [select class](#)

Session ExtLrn [View Booklist For This Course](#)

Days & Times	Room	Instructor	Meeting Dates
Mo 12:00PM - 2:00PM	Science Hall II 302	Staff	06/25/2012 - 07/09/2012

Section [02-LEC\(30478\)](#) Status ● [select class](#)

Session ExtLrn [View Booklist For This Course](#)

Days & Times	Room	Instructor	Meeting Dates
Tu 9:00AM - 11:00AM	Science Hall II 302	Staff	06/26/2012 - 07/10/2012

Click on the “SELECT CLASS” button next to the class section that meets your date and time preferences.

How do I sign up for Cougar Scholars, Early Start classes?

Select the Next button to continue adding the desired course.

Now the class has been added to your shopping cart. At this point you can add additional classes to your cart or proceed to checkout by selecting Proceed to Step 2 of 3.

ESM 5 - SUMMER EXPERIENCE IN MATH

Class Preferences

ESM 5-01	Lecture	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Open	Permission Nbr <input type="text"/>
Session	Extended Learning Exempt 1st 5		Grading Early Start Program - Math
Career	Undergraduate		Units 1.00

Section	Component	Days & Times	Room	Instructor	
01	Lecture	Mo 12:00PM - 2:00PM	Science Hall II 302	Staff	06/25/2012 - 07/09/2012

NOTES

Class Notes	This course is for the Early Start program. You must be required to participate in the Early Start program in order to participate in this class.
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How do I sign up for Cougar Scholars, Early Start classes?

Your selected class should be in your shopping cart.

Add Classes

1 2 3

1. Select classes to add

To select classes for another term, select the term and click Change. When you are satisfied with your class selections, proceed to step 2 of 3.

✓ ESM 5 has been added to your Shopping Cart.

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● Open ■ Closed ▲ Wait List

Add to Cart:

Enter Class Nbr

enter

Find Classes

Class Search

search

Summer 2012 Shopping Cart

Delete	Class	Days/Times	Room	Instructor	Units	Status
	ESM 5-01 (30477)	Mo 12:00PM - 2:00PM	Science Hall II 302	Staff	1.00	●

PROCEED TO STEP 2 OF 3

How do I sign up for Cougar Scholars, Early Start classes?



Message says: You are required to participate in the Early Start program this summer. You must register for the appropriate Early Start classes prior to attending CSUSM in the fall. For more information, please contact Proficiency Services at 760-750-6060 or by emailing earlystart@csusm.edu.

How do I sign up for Cougar Scholars, Early Start classes?

To complete your registration in the desired course, select the Finish Enrolling button.

Search Enroll My Academics
my class schedule add drop term information

Add Classes



2. Confirm classes

Click Finish Enrolling to process your request for the classes listed below. To exit without adding these classes, click Cancel.

Summer 2012 | Undergraduate | Cal State San Marcos

● Open ■ Closed ▲ Wait List

Class	Description	Days/Times	Room	Instructor	Units	Status
ESM 5-01 (30477)	SUMMER EXPERIENCE IN MATH (Lecture)	Mo 12:00PM - 2:00PM	Science Hall II 302	Staff	1.00	●

CANCEL PREVIOUS **FINISH ENROLLING**

How do I sign up for Cougar Scholars, Early Start classes?

Message

You have an Extended Learning course in your cart. (31550,2)

Extended Learning courses have additional fees, would you like to proceed?

Message

FA Waiver - No FA - Final (30025,38)

This is a reminder that as a non-financial aid student, you are not eligible for a CSU Early Start Program financial aid waiver. You will be required to pay fees when you enroll in an Early Start course at a CSU campus.

[Search](#) | [Degree Planner](#) | [Enroll](#) | [My Academics](#)

[My Class Schedule](#) | [Add](#) | [Drop](#) | [Swap](#) | [Term Information](#)

Add Classes 1 2 3

3. View results

Please review account activity for any optional fees prior to making payment.

View the following status report for enrollment confirmations and errors:

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Success: enrolled	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Error: unable to add class
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Class	Message	Status
ESM 4	Success: This class has been added to your schedule.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
ESM 104	Success: This class has been added to your schedule.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

I've signed up for classes, now what?

Continue to check your emails for communication regarding your Cougar Scholars, Early Start course(s) and materials. This is the only way the professor is communicating with you!



Parking

- General Summer Semester \$180
- General Monthly \$80
- Summer Discounted XYZ Monthly \$30
- Daily \$10

- Transit Pass Options

Parking and Commuter Services

[\(760\) 750-7500](tel:(760)750-7500)

parking@csusm.edu

Monday - Friday 8:00am - 4:30pm

<https://www.csusm.edu/parking/>

Questions

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