CAL STATE APPLY

Applying to the California State University
Fall 2021 Freshman Application
What will we be doing today?
Completing your CSU admissions application!
A single application for all 23 CSU campuses

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Find your future at the California State University. With 23 campuses and thousands of degree choices, the CSU is a great place to start your journey. Explore your options below and start your application today.

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What to expect from the CSU admissions process

To apply to the CSU, you’ll be required to:

1. Complete the Cal State Apply application
2. Pay the $70 per campus fee and any other fees (unless fee waiver applies)
3. Submit any transcripts and required info when notified by the campus
4. If admitted, register for Orientation

** Know when deadlines are and meet them**
** Check email regularly **
Unofficial transcripts You’ll be asked to enter all the courses you've completed on your CSU application; those that are currently in progress; and any you plan to take. Transcripts will be requested by campuses as needed.

Test scores (SAT, ACT, AP or IB) Report test results so far as well as any future test dates.

Your Social Security number, if you have one.

Your citizenship status

A method of payment You can pay the application fee by credit card.

Your parent’s citizenship status

Annual income Your parents’ if you are a dependent; your income if you are independent

Your parent’s employment background and two recommendations Applies only if you’re applying to EOP.

California statewide student ID Optional; every K-12 student in a California public school is assigned an ID number. The number should be printed on your transcript.
The CSU Educational Opportunity Program (EOP)

- Provides specialized support during your college years
- Designed to help low-income, first generation, historically educationally disadvantaged students succeed academically in college and graduate.
  - **First Generation**: neither of your parents went to college.  
  - Meet the **EOP Family Income Criteria**
- The EOP application is built into the Cal State Apply application. You can submit the Cal State Apply application without the EOP portion complete and come back to it.

The EOP portion has a separate deadline that can vary by campus.  
Deadlines information: https://www2.calstate.edu/attend/student-services/eop/Pages/eop-campus-status.aspx
Materials you’ll need to apply to EOP

Two Recommendations are required to apply

1. One must be from academic counselor/teacher that can comment on your academic preparedness for university academic work.

2. The other can be from an individual who can comment about your potential to succeed in college.

- Recommenders **cannot** be self or a family member.
- You must include their names and email addresses on the application.
Materials you’ll need to apply to EOP

- Family Information including
  - Participation in public assistance programs and other publicly funded programs
  - Siblings educational information
  - Household size

- Parent/Guardian Information
  - Occupation information for at least one parent/guardian
  - Estimated and actual income for this and last year
  - Household size

- Prepare to answer some autobiographical questions

All freshman must provide this information for the 2021-22 application, not just if you’re applying to EOP.
Completing Your Freshmen Application
Go to calstate.edu/apply

Select **Fall 2021** in the drop down menu

Applications are open October 1 and close after December 4, 2020 for the Fall 2021 Semester.

and then click **Apply**
Create your Cal State Apply account

Click **Create an Account** (under Sign In) and fill out information on the Create an Account page

**What email address should you use?**

- Most official CSU communication comes by email
- **Use/create a personal email address**
- Check your email regularly - consider connecting the email account to your phone
Write down your CAS ID!

- Found on top right of screen
Extended Profile

1. Degree Goal
   - Degree applying for: First Bachelor’s Degree
   - Current educational status: Graduating High School Senior or equivalent
   - College credits: No if you have never taking any college courses (Yes if you have)

2. Returning: No

3. US Military Status: No

2. Residency:
   - If you require a student (F1) Visa or an exchange (J1) Visa to study, select Yes; Select No if you do not
Select the program(s) you will apply to

- Start by typing name of program (major) or campus
- You can also use the filter option to narrow down
- Select the programs you wish to apply to by clicking the plus button
- Program must be undergraduate
- You may apply to one program per campus (unsure of which program to choose? You may consider Undeclared/Undecided)
Finish and review your selections

- See your total fees on the top left
  ($70 per campus except with fee waiver for up to four campuses)
- Once ready, click I am Done, Review My Selections
- Review. Make sure you selected the right campus(es) and program(s).
Four parts of the application

• Personal Information
• Academic History
• Supporting Information
• Program Materials

*Don’t skip the Program Materials section. The Program Materials quadrant will appear completed if the program(s) you are applying to did not require any additional information from you here. Even if it appears complete, be sure to click and read the Program Materials as campuses put important information about the programs you are applying to in this section.*
Let’s complete Part 1: Personal Information
Release Statement

• Review the instructions carefully and respond.

• With the exception of the EOP application and adding new standardized test scores, once you submit your Cal State Apply application your responses cannot be edited.
Biographic Information

- Complete the biographic information section.
- The questions on sexual orientation, gender expression and gender identity questions are optional/voluntary:

- **Statewide Student Identifier (SSID)** is on your high school transcript. Private schools are exempt from entering SSID.
Contact Information

• Complete the contact information section.

• **Current address** = 💌
  This should be where you want to receive mail correspondence.

• Is your permanent address different than your current address? If so, select **No** to "Is this your permanent address?"
Citizenship/Residency Information

• Will not be used to determine your eligibility for admissions but may be used to help provide you with additional support and used for items like tuition fees.
Citizenship/Residency Information

***For those who selected No earlier to "do you have or will you require an F1 or J1 Visa to study at the CSU?"***

- **US Citizen:** born in the US or attained citizenship through naturalization
- **Permanent US Resident:** holds a Green Card and is permitted to permanently live and work in the US
- **None:** no US Citizenship
- **Refugee:** forced to leave country in order to escape war, persecution, or natural disaster
- **Other Visa:** holds a Visa other than F1 (student) or J1 (exchange) - You will be prompted to choose which Visa if you select this option
Citizenship/Residency Information

***For those who selected No earlier to "do you have or will you require an F1 or J1 Visa to study at the CSU?"***

• The US state/possession you regard as your permanent home is filled in from earlier; to update, go to Extended Profile

• If your permanent home is California, you'll be prompted to:
  • Indicate whether you claim California residency
  • Indicate if you've lived there continuously since birth (If no, you'll be asked to give dates)
Citizenship/Residency Information

***For those who selected Yes earlier to "do you have or will you require an F1 or J1 Visa to study at the CSU?"***

Citizenship (for International Applicants)

• Select your country of citizenship and the Visa type you have or will have when you study at the CSU (F1 or J1 Visa)

• If you already have a Visa, enter the date it was issued
Race & Ethnicity

• Complete the questions on this section.
• This section will **not** be used to determine eligibility for admissions.
• This information may be used to help provide you additional support.
Parent / Guardian Information

• If you are a dependent, you must enter at least one parent / guardian's information in this section.
• If you are considered independent, you can opt out of this section if you wish.
• **Unsure of how to answer at this moment?** You can move onto the other sections and come back to this later. **You cannot submit your application until you complete this section.**
Other Information

Social Security (SSN)

• Carefully type in your SSN if you have one.
• Incorrect or missing information could delay your admission or require you to turn in additional documentation.
• Enter your SSN if you have qualified for DACA and been issued a SSN.
Financial and Parental Information

• Complete this section. This information is not used to determine financial aid eligibility and is used for information purposes only.

• Read the **Household Income and Size Information** carefully as your answer will determine what other information you will have to provide here.

• Any of the statements apply? You are considered **Independent**

• None of the statements apply? You are considered **Dependent**
Let’s complete Part 2: Academic History
High Schools Attended

- Complete this section.
- To begin, click Add High School.
- Type [ENTER CITY OF SCHOOL] and select [ENTER NAME OF SCHOOL HERE] from the list.
- Enter dates attended [ADD DATES FOR THEM?]?
- For term type, select [ENTER TERM TYPE AND UPDATE SELECTION ON EXAMPLE AS NEEDED].
- Be sure to enter ALL high schools you have attended, if you've attended more than one.
Graduation Status
• Select **I have or will graduate with my high school diploma**
• Enter the date: **[DATE HERE]**

Academic Information
• Select **No** unless you have attended another high school/secondary school and it was outside of the US
Colleges Attended

**This section will only appear if you indicated earlier that you have completed one or more courses at a college/university**

• If applicable, you must enter ALL college courses you've ever taken, regardless if they are relevant and even if you transferred them already.

• Start by Adding a College of University

Add a College or University
Colleges Attended

Add a College or University

• Then, start typing in the name of the college/university and options should begin to appear.

Term Type Guide
4 grades per year = Quarter
3 grades per year = Trimester
2 grades per year = Semester
1 grade per year = Full Year
High School Coursework

• Complete this section carefully as failure to follow instructions will delay admissions decision and can ultimate impact your admissions decision altogether.

What should you report?

• All high school courses used to satisfy A-G requirements
• Do NOT include non-college prep courses, e.g. Health or P.E.
• **Middle school coursework exception:** Any math (Algebra or higher) and/or languages other than English courses (LOTE Level 1 or higher) taken in middle school that continued course progression into 9th grade **can** be entered to receive consideration.
High School Coursework

• Now add courses for that grade level used to satisfy A-G requirements
• **Start by adding a Grade Level**
• Select the **School** you attended for that grade
• Select the **Academic Year**
• Once you've entered, click green checkmark ✓
• You will be repeating for all grade levels

REMINDER: Add middle school math and/or language other than English only if applicable

REMINDER: Add summer grade levels too if you took A-G courses during that summer
**High School Coursework**

**Great! Now Add a Course**

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- Now **add all courses (one by one)** for that grade level used to satisfy A-G requirements
- If your course was *not* AP, IB or Honors then select None
- Enter grades earned
- Click green checkmark
- Continue to add all applicable courses for this grade level
- Added all courses? Add another Grade Level until you're done
- Added all courses and grade levels? Click
High School Coursework

Great! Now Add a Course

9th Grade (Semester) ARTEASIA HIGH SCHOOL 2017-2018

• Now add all courses (one by one) for that grade level used to satisfy A-G requirements
• If your course was not AP, IB or Honors then select None
• Enter grades earned
• Click green checkmark
• Continue to add all applicable courses for this grade level
• Finish all other grade levels by clicking
• Added all courses and grade levels? Click Save & Continue
College Coursework

**This section will only appear if you indicated earlier that you have completed one or more courses at a college/university**

- Colleges listed are from what you typed in earlier for Colleges Attended.
- Click **Edit** to begin added courses for that college.
- After, Click **Add a Semester** then **Click Add a Course** to report courses for that specific semester.

LONG BEACH CITY COLLEGE

[Edit]

[Preview this Transcript]
About Adding a Course

- **Course Code MUST match official transcript** – very important!
- Course Title will fill in automatically once you select Course Code
- Refer to your official transcript for # of credits/units earned for the course
- Enter Grade; CAS Grade will be automatically generated
- If the course is CSU Transferrable, check the Transferrable box
- Click SAVE; continue until all your colleges, semesters and courses are inputted

Remember that with college coursework you report ALL college courses taken, even if not transferrable or relevant.
College Coursework

Finished adding all semesters and college courses taken?
• Go back to the College Coursework main page
• Select Yes that you have completed entering your transcript

• Then click Save Your Transcript and you're done with this section!
A-G Matching

• This shows how the high school and college courses you just entered match the A-G requirements
• Years = how many years you reported for the subject
• In parenthesis is the minimum years required for the subject
• You should have the same # or more years for each A-G requirement than is listed in parenthesis next to the subject.

If you are missing years for A-G, click the Update A-G and ensure you’ve entered everything correctly.

Review and complete this section carefully since incorrect or missing information will delay your admissions decision and can ultimately impact your admissions decision.

A-G Subject Totals

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<td>History / Social Science</td>
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Standardized Tests (ACT, SAT, TOEFL, AP, IB, CLEP)

• For Fall 2021 freshman admissions, standardized tests will not be used to determine admissions eligibility.
• These scores may still be used to help place you in math and English courses by campuses.
• You can enter your ACT, SAT, AP, IB, CLEP, TOEFL exams either have taken or plan on taking.
• If you have not taken or are not schedule to take any standardized tests you can opt out.
About Part 3: Supporting Information
Educational Programs & Work Experience

• These responses may be used as supplemental criteria to make Fall 2021 admissions decisions
• Select Yes or No to indicate your involvement in the programs listed
• If you worked during the last 12 months, type in the average # of hours worked per week
• If you were involved in extracurricular activities during the last 12 months, type in the average # of hours per week
Overview of the EOP Application

• Section 1: General questions
• Section 2: Parent/Guardian Information & Financial Status
• Section 3: EOP Biographical Questions
• Section 4: Contact information for two people who will complete your recommendation
Indicate if you will apply to EOP

• “Do you wish to apply to EOP?”
  • Not applying to EOP? Click No. You are done with Section 3 of your application.
  • Applying to EOP? Click Yes, I will return later to complete these EOP Questions.
Let’s complete part 4: Program Materials
Program Materials

• Depending on the campus and major ("program") you choose, there may be required items to complete. **Check for multiple tabs.**

• Once you’ve read through and responded to anything in this Program Materials section, you can exit back to **My Application** on the top left.
You must **complete** all sections of the application before submitting, with exception of Section 3 Supporting Information – EOP Application.

Completed sections of the application will show green.
Submit Application

Before Submitting

• Check total fees and # of applications ready to submit

• Reminder: No changes after submission besides EOP application and new test scores

WAIT: Review the SUMMARY PAGE carefully!

• Note any warning messages ⚠️

• Note any red text

• Update/fix and missing or problematic info before processing to submit (in the gray bar on the right, it explains where to make updates to your information if needed)
Submit Application

When you’re ready click Submit All

• Be sure to check your email regularly for any updates
• You can log back into your Cal State Apply application after submitting but may only update limited information