

CSUSB: At a Glance

California State University, San Bernardino is a preeminent center of intellectual and cultural activity in Inland Southern California. Opened in 1965 and set at the foothills of the beautiful San Bernardino Mountains, the university serves more than 20,000 students each year and graduates about 4,000 students annually. CSUSB reflects the dynamic diversity of the region and has the most diverse student population of any university in the Inland Empire, and it has the second highest African American and Hispanic enrollments of all public universities in California. Seventy percent of those who graduate are the first in their families to do so.

CSUSB has seen record increases in enrollment, diversity of faculty and students, grant and contract funding, fundraising and international programs development. CSUSB also ranks as the second-safest among all 33 public universities in California.



What Is Coyote First STEP (CFS)?

Coyote First STEP is California State University, San Bernardino's version of the California State University (CSU) system's Early Start mandate that all first-time freshmen in the CSU system must participate in a summer experience to address their required developmental coursework.

Coyote First STEP is CSUSB's fully residential summer experience for students who plan to attend CSUSB in fall 2017. Coyote First STEP is completely free and includes housing, course materials, and food. Students will live in university housing for the duration of the three-week program while they complete courses and engage in other structured activities designed to promote college success. Students will experience life in the residence halls, become better acquainted with the campus and make new friends along the way. This program was designed with students in mind to provide an introduction to student life at CSUSB while establishing a strong foundation for academic success.

**For information on parking, visit <https://www.csusb.edu/early-start/faq/cost>*

Frequently Asked Questions (cont.)

How do students enroll in Early Start or Coyote First STEP?

The registration page will open on May 5, 2017. You must have your ELM score before you can register. Go to: <http://earlystart.csusb.edu/signup.html> and click on "How to Sign Up" for a step-by-step process on how to enroll into Early Start at CSUSB.

Will students have to take both math and English courses?

If you or your student plans to attend CSUSB in fall 2017, and are required to complete math and English based on your EPT/ELM or other equivalent scores (SAT, ACT, EAP), you will complete both programs during Coyote First STEP.

What if students are required to do Early Start for English but not math?

You will need to do a one-week course, ESE 99 (Introduction to University Literacies). ESE 99 is not part of Coyote First STEP.

**For answers to more Frequently Asked Questions, visit <http://earlystart.csusb.edu/faq.html>*

Who can you or your student talk to if more questions arise?

CSUSB is committed to ensuring our students are successful.

Feel free to reach us at:

California State University, San Bernardino
c/o Coyote First STEP
5500 University Parkway, UH-352
San Bernardino, CA 92407

CFS Call Center: (909) 726-0337 (Opens April 17, 2017)

Website: <http://earlystart.csusb.edu> **Email:** cfs@csusb.edu

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Coyote First STEP

Student Transition Enhancement Program



Do you (or does your student) need to take the placement tests?

Freshman applicants to CSUSB who are not otherwise exempt must take the CSU English Placement Test (EPT) and the Entry Level Mathematics test (ELM). Prospective CSU freshmen who need to take the EPT and/or ELM must do so no later than the May 6, 2017, test date.

EXEMPT	CONDITIONALLY EXEMPT	MUST TAKE EPT and/or ELM
ENGLISH ACT: 22+ Old SAT: 500+ New SAT: 570+ AP Lit/Lang Comp: 3+	ENGLISH ACT: 19-21 Old SAT: 460-490 New SAT: 510-540 EAP: Standard met	ENGLISH ACT: 18 or below Old SAT: 450 or below New SAT: 500 or below EAP: Standard not met
MATH ACT: 23+ Old SAT: 550+ New SAT: 570+ AP Calc or Stats: 3+	MATH ACT: 20-22 Old SAT: 490-540 New SAT: 520-560 EAP: Standard met	MATH ACT: 19 or below Old SAT: 480 or below New SAT: 510 or below EAP: Standard not met

For more information on exemptions visit <http://www.calstate.edu/SAS/ept-elm-exemptions.shtml>

Freshmen who are required to take the English Placement Test (EPT) and/or Entry-Level Mathematics (ELM) exam are strongly encouraged to prepare, study, and give their best effort on the test(s).

PLEASE NOTE: All California resident first-time freshmen admitted to CSUSB who have developmental needs in English or mathematics will be required to enroll in a summer program prior to fall enrollment. Participation in a college readiness program is mandatory and required system-wide. College readiness programs are offered at CSUSB from late June to early September; students should make their summer plans accordingly.

Additional Coyote First STEP Information

Do you (or does your student) need to register and participate in Coyote First STEP? Results from your placement tests are used to determine your placement in Coyote First STEP. Students who earn

a ELM score under 50 must participate. Students who earned a “Conditional Exemption” in math on the EAP, but did not complete an approved senior year math course must also participate. Please reference the chart below to determine if your student needs to participate:

EPT/ELM Exam Dates	
EXAM DATE	REGISTER BY
Mar. 18	Mar. 3
Apr. 15	Mar. 31
Apr. 29	Apr. 14
May 6	Apr. 21

Exam Score	Program
ELM: 0-18	Coyote First STEP ESM 75A
ELM: 19-29	Coyote First STEP ESM 75B
ELM: 30-40	Coyote First STEP ESM 81
ELM: 41-49	Coyote First STEP ESM 91
Conditionally Exempt	Coyote First STEP ESM 91

Students who earn an ELM score below 50 are required to participate in Early Start math. If you plan to attend CSUSB in fall 2017 you will take part in Coyote First STEP.

If you plan to attend another CSU campus in fall 2017 but would prefer to meet your Early Start requirement at CSUSB, you will need to participate in Early Start Math 15B or 15C and/or Early Start English 99.

**For assistance with identifying your required course, visit <http://earlystart.csusb.edu/firststep.html> and click on the PATHFINDER tool located on the bottom of the page.*



Frequently Asked Questions

What happens if a student does not complete the Early Start requirement?

Students who do not participate in the Early Start requirement will not be allowed to enroll in classes in fall 2017. **PLEASE NOTE:** If you are planning to attend CSUSB in fall 2017 and are required to complete Early Start math, you will take part in Coyote First STEP on the California State University, San Bernardino campus.

What happens if a student completes the Early Start requirement, but does not pass the Early Start classes?

Math: If you complete the Early Start requirement but do not pass your classes, you will be allowed to enroll for the fall and will need to take the appropriate developmental math classes during the year.

English: English courses are selected through the Directed Self-Placement process and will not be impacted by your Early Start English performance.

When should students take the EPT/ELM test?

You should take the EPT/ELM as soon as possible. While there are multiple opportunities to take the tests, students must take the tests by the May 6 test date.

Where can students find a study guide for the EPT/ELM?

Prepare for the ELM: http://www.csumathsuccess.org/exam_prep

Prepare for the EPT: http://www.csuenglishsuccess.org/exam_prep

You didn't test well on the ELM/EPT—can you take it again?

Students may retake the ELM (math) but NOT the EPT (English).

How do students find their ELM/EPT scores?

Please log into your Educational Testing Service account at: <https://ept-elm.ets.org/CSU> to view your scores.