First-Time Freshman

Admission Criteria

From an Overseas High School:
Must possess a high school diploma.
Must have attained a minimum 3.0 grade point average (A=4.0).
Must possess adequate English proficiency.

From a U.S. High School or International High School:
Complete the 15 unit specific “AG” high school courses with a “C” or better.
Graduation from high school or receipt of a General Education Development (GED).

College Preparatory Requirements (AG):

(A) History/Social Sciences  2 YEARS REQUIRED
Two years of history/social science, including one year of world history, cultures and geography; and one
year of U.S. History or one-half year of U.S. History and one half year of civics or American government.

(B) English  4 YEARS REQUIRED
Four years of college-preparatory English. No more than one year of ESL.

(C) Mathematics  3 YEARS REQUIRED
Three years of college-preparatory math (Algebra I, Geometry and Algebra II, Trigonometry, Calculus, etc.)

(D) Laboratory Science  2 YEARS REQUIRED (ONE biological and ONE physical science)
Two years of laboratory science providing fundamental knowledge in at least two of these three foundational
subjects: biology, chemistry and physics.

(E) Language Other than English  2 YEARS REQUIRED
Two years of the same language other than English.

(F) Visual & Performing Arts (VPA)  1 YEAR REQUIRED
A single year-long approved arts course from a single Visual Performing Arts discipline: dance, drama/
theatre, music or visual art.

(G) College - Preparatory Elective  1 YEAR REQUIRED
One year in addition to the required in “AF” course listed above.

Take the SAT Reasoning Test or ACT by the end of October, but NO LATER THAN December of your senior year.
(Test scores should be sent directly to the Office of Admissions and Recruitment from the testing agency. Visit
www.act.org or www.collegeboard.org for more information about the tests.)

Procedure for Applying to California State University, Los Angeles

1. Review the admission criteria for a first-time freshman applicant. Some major departments may have additional
admission requirements. Please check the department’s website for details. Please also refer to IMPACTION for any
additional departmental restrictions. ([IMPACTION] refers to programs for which the applications received far exceed
the number of spaces available for admission.)

2. International students must submit the application by the domestic application deadline to be considered for an
impacted program. Take note that the domestic deadline is an earlier date.

3. Submit the online application at www.CSUMentor.edu. Please read instructions carefully and complete all
appropriate sections. Each application is only good for the term you are applying. Please enter your name and date
of birth correctly. Please review Name Integrity for more details.

4. Pay the $55 application online or send a bank draft or money order to the Office of Admissions and Recruitment.
Please include your CSULA Campus Identification Number, which you will receive within 3-5 days after submitting
the online application.

5. Submit the required academic documents to the Office of Admissions and Recruitment by the deadline.

   1. Official copies of all secondary records including certificates, degrees or diplomas in original language of issue with a certified English translation.
   2. Applicants who have studied in the U.S. are required to have the institutions in the U.S. send the transcripts directly to CSULA.
   3. Results of Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or other acceptable test (see list below). Scores must be sent directly to CSULA from testing agency.

6. Submit the Affidavit of Support with bank statements and a copy of your passport biographical page to the International Office.
7. If you are currently studying in the U.S. as a F1 or J1 international student, contact your current school’s international office regarding transfer out procedures.

**Acceptable English Language Exams and Scores: (institution code 4399)**

TOEFL: 61 ibt or higher

PTE: 44 or higher

IELTS: Band 5.5 or higher

If a freshman applicant has attended a high school in the U.S. for three years or more, or has attended a school where English is the language of instruction for three or more years, an English language exam may not be required. A statement verifying English as the medium of instruction will be required from the institution.

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