SF State and the Early Start Program (ESP)
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New Enrollment Requirement for Fall 2012
First-time Freshmen

The CSU wants to help first-time freshmen applicants get an “Early Start” in their preparation for college level work. Fall 2012 freshmen who are not ready for college-level English and/or math must start remediation no later than the summer before their first term at SF State.

If students need remediation in either English or math or both, they must take extra steps to address this requirement to be able to enroll at SF State or other CSU campuses. Students will be notified throughout the process of application, admission, and registration if they must satisfy this requirement.

Who must participate in ESP?

Students must participate in Early Start if their English Placement Test (EPT) score less than 138.

Students must participate in Early Start if their Entry Level Math Test (ELM) score less than 50.

How much will ESP cost?

Early Start Programs fee is $182 per unit plus a $2 campus fee. This is subject to change based on approved fee increases.

California residents who apply for financial aid and have an Estimated Family Contribution of $5,000 or less will be eligible for a full waiver of the fee.

Who is Exempt from ESP?

The following students will not be required to participate in Early Start for Fall 2012:

- International students and residents of states other than California (non-residents)
- Students participating in the SF State Summer Bridge Program.

How Can Students Satisfy the Early Start requirement?

- Students planning to attend SF State are strongly encouraged to take ESP at SF State. SF State will offer on-line classes in math and English.
- Summer ESP classes (including some online sessions) will be offered at all CSU campuses.
- Course registration links will be sent via email to new students.
- If students do not sign up for Early Start, they will not be able enroll in classes at SF State.
- Students may also enroll in an approved Community College course (note: you may have to take a community college placement tests prior to enrollment.)
- On page 2 of this handout are the steps to take to choose an Early Start campus.

Resources

Early Start Website at SF State
Frequently Asked Questions for ESP
Learning Tips for Ilearn
Attending SF State? Steps to take to Early Start at SF State!

1. Take required placement tests (ELM/EPT). See test score results: www.sfsu.edu/student
2. Accept Admissions Offer (April 1 - May 1) and Pay Enrollment Fee, if required.
3. Make up SF State email. (Hint: forward your SF State email to your personal email.)
4. On the New Student Requirements Checklist page, select “Register for Early Start.”
5. On the Early Start Smart Page, select the campus where you plan to take Early Start class(es).
   If choosing SF State, San Francisco State University will already be highlighted. Submit your choice.
6. Wait for an email SF State with further instructions about how to add the course(s).
7. Starting May 1, Early Start students may add ESE 99 and/ or ESM 40 through the College of Extended Learning. This is the registration link: www.sfsu.edu/student
8. Students who do not have a tuition waiver for Early Start courses must pay for the course(s). Deadlines will be given upon registration.
9. After registration and payment, course instructors will contact students with instructions about taking class online via iLearn. You have no required textbooks to buy.
10. If you have not used iLearn before, consult the iLearn site:
    http://atcentral.sfsu.edu/online-success
11. Plan for daily classwork and homework during the course.

Taking Early Start Class(es) Elsewhere

If you choose to complete Early Start math or English in another campus, then when you attend summer orientation, bring proof you are enrolled in the Early Start course(s).

Early Start and Summer Orientation

You do not have to finish Early Start classes to attend orientation, but you must be enrolled and have paid for the course. Bring proof of Early Start enrollment to orientation.

Early Start students may attend any orientation except for June 1 or June 4.