Freshmen Alert: Required Placement Tests
ELM (Entry Level Mathematics)  |  EPT (English Proficiency Test)

What’s ELM/EPT? Do I need to test?
All SF State first-time freshmen, except those who meet certain exemption requirements, must complete both the Entry Level Mathematics (ELM) and English Placement Test (EPT). Your notice of admission indicates if you are required to take ELM/EPT. If required, you must test no later than the May 7, 2016 test date in order to attend SF State. We will also send you an email with detailed instructions if you are required to test.

What if I am conditionally exempt based on the Early Assessment Program (EAP)?
You may be considered conditionally exempt based on the EAP. If you are EAP conditional, you must earn a C or higher in an approved full-year, senior year course. SF State strongly encourages you to take the required placement test(s) if you think you may not meet your EAP conditions. If you have questions about your EAP status or whether or not you are in an approved EAP course, please contact SF State’s EAP Program Manager at ceap@sfsu.edu. For complete information on EAP, visit sfedu/future/apply/freshmen.html#eap.

When should I test?
SF State urges students to take ELM/EPT at the earliest date possible. Unless you are exempt, placement tests are mandatory to attend Orientation and register for classes. Your test score(s) must be on file at SF State, or you will not be allowed to register for fall classes or attend freshman orientation.

Successful scores on the ELM/EPT can save you from having to take Early Start courses during summer and up to a year of remedial courses your freshman year. If you test early and feel your scores can improve, you can re-test by the May test date to improve your placement and potentially avoid having to take Early Start (see reverse for Early Start information). Those who test early will also receive information on whether they require Early Start sooner than those who test in May.

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* Final test date in order to be eligible to attend SF State for Fall 2016

How do I sign up to take ELM/EPT?
ELM/EPT may be taken at SF State or any California State University. However, you will need to designate your scores to be sent to SF State.

To sign up to take the ELM/EPT test at SF State, please visit the SF State Testing Center website testing.sfsu.edu.

For information about all CSU testing sites, please visit the CSU section of the ETS website ets.org/csau/about.

ELM/EPT Resources

- EPT test information, please visit: csumentor.edu/planning/high_school/ept.asp
- EPT Exam Prep, please visit the CSU English Success website: csumathsuccess.org/eshome
- ELM test information, please visit: csumentor.edu/planning/high_school/elm.asp
- ELM Exam Prep, please visit the CSU Math Success website at: csumathsuccess.org/exam_prep
- CSU EAP Information: csusuccess.org
Freshmen Alert: Early Start

What is Early Start?
SF State’s Early Start program is designed to help students get a head start on their English and math college requirements before their first semester begins.

Do I need to take Early Start?
Early Start is required for all students whose placement tests indicate they need remedial math and/or English composition. If required, you will also receive an e-mail in late May/early June with detailed instructions regarding how to enroll for Early Start at SF State.

Early Start English: EPT of 146 and below
Students scoring 146 and below on the EPT must enroll in and successfully complete an SF State Early Start English course (online or in person).

Early Start Math: ELM of below 50
Students scoring below a 50 on the ELM must enroll in and successfully complete a Early Start math course at SF State (online or in person).

How do I sign up for Early Start?
For more information and step-by-step instructions, please visit sfsu.edu/~advising/esp.

Benefits of Early Start
► Early exposure to SF State community
► Access support services on SF State’s campus
► The opportunity to move ahead more quickly in the remedial English and math sequence

Early Start Resources
► SF State’s Early Start website with informational tutorials: sfsu.edu/~advising/esp/
► For questions, contact the SF State Early Start Coordinator at early@sfsu.edu or 415.405.0436.

Do I need to take Early Start?
Students who are EAP conditional and who fail to meet their conditions will be required to participate in the Early Start Program during the summer prior to the fall semester of their admission. If you do not believe you will meet your EAP conditions, SF State strongly recommends that you take the ELM and/or EPT placement tests. Scoring 50 or above on the ELM and/or scoring 147 or better on the EPT can exempt you from having to participate in the Early Start program. For more information, please visit sfsu.edu/future/apply/freshmen.html#eap.