Making the “E’s” Easy: Understanding EAP, ELM/EPT, & Early Start

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Agenda

• Defining the “E’s”

• The “E’s” & College Readiness for the CSU

• Exploring the “E’s”
  • EAP: Ready, Conditional & Not Ready
  • CSU Placement Tests: EPT & ELM
  • Early Start Program

• Resources
Definitions

• EAP: Early Assessment Program
• ELM: Entry Level Mathematics Exam
• EPT: English Placement Test
• Early Start Program

EAP>ELM/EPT>Early Start

• Think of the exams like a progression
• Each preceding exam leads into the other
College Readiness for the CSU

- **College Readiness** basic definition - A College Ready Student at the CSU:

  Is eligible to register for college level English and mathematics courses in their first semester of college, typically avoiding any remediation
The 4 “E’s” Lead to College Readiness

• FTF can demonstrate readiness **before** their first fall semester:
  
  • The EAP/CAASP  
  • SAT/ACT and AP  
  • ELM/EPT (Placement Tests)  
  • Early Start

**College Readiness**

- EAP
- SAT/ACT/ AP
- EPT/ELM
- Early Start
Early Assessment Program & the Smarter Balanced Assessment

Test Administered in the second semester of the junior year
The Early Assessment Program

Through the 11th grade CAASPP Smarter Balanced Assessment, the EAP determines students’ readiness for college level coursework at the CSU or participating CCC. This can help students potentially avoid remediation classes!
Benefits of the EAP

• Ability to formally Demonstrate Readiness for the CSU
  • Avoid remediation and can register for college level math/English in the first fall semester at any CSU or participating CCC

• Exemption from EPT/ELM

• Exemption from Early Start

• Ability to identify skill level in math/English and take steps increase skill during senior year
SBAC Achievement Standards Translated to EAP Results

- **Standard Exceeded** ➞ **Ready**
  - Able to register for college level math and/or English in first fall semester to the CSU (upon admission) – any campus

- **Standard Met** ➞ **Ready-Conditional**
  - Also ready, but must take a higher level course in senior year
  - No EPT/ELM required. Recommended if struggling in Senor Year Exp course
  - Early Start required if Conditional status NOT met

- **Standard Nearly or Not Met** ➞ **Not Demonstrating Readiness**
  - Must demonstrate readiness for the CSU through another means

- **NOTE**: Participating community colleges are excepting EAP Ready and/or Conditional statuses
Conditional Status

Senior Year Experience Options (CSUSuccess.org)

• **English**
  • AP English
  • Honors English (as noted on the UC A-G List)
  • IB Baccalaureate English
  • ERWC

• **Math**
  • Courses with Alg II or IM III as a prerequisite
  • Alg II repeated in the Sr. year no longer counts

• **Common Core Math**
  • CSU will use adopted common core math sequences
  • Courses above the Math III will qualify

Note: Taking one of these courses in the senior year **without also** being Conditional will **not** allow a student to demonstrate readiness for the CSU.
YOUR PATHWAY TO COLLEGE READINESS

"READY"
FOR ENGLISH AND MATH
COLLEGE LEVEL COURSES

CAASPP EAP: Standard Exceeded
English: ACT: 22+
SAT: 500+
AP Language/Literature
Composition: 3+
Math: ACT: 23+
SAT: 550+
AP Calculus or AP Statistics exam: 3+

EXEMPT
from EPT and/or ELM and
CSU Early Start Program
May enroll directly in college level courses upon admission to a CSU

"CONDITIONALLY READY"
FOR ENGLISH AND MATH
COLLEGE LEVEL COURSES

CAASPP EAP: Standard Met
English: ACT: 19-21, SAT: 450-490
Math: ACT: 20-22, SAT: 490-540

COMPLETE
an approved senior year-long
English course:
- ERWC, AP or IB or Weighted Honors English
- All courses with a prerequisite of Algebra II or Integrated Math III, including Trigonometry, Math Analysis, Pre-Calculus, or Calculus, AP Calculus AB or BC, AP Physics or AP Statistics

COMPLETE
an approved senior year-long
math course:

"NOT YET READY" OR "READY"
FOR ENGLISH AND MATH
COLLEGE LEVEL COURSES

CAASPP EAP: Standard Nearly Met or Not Met
English: ACT: 18 or below, SAT: 450 or below
Math: ACT: 19 or below, SAT: 480 or below

MUST TAKE
CSU EPT and/or ELM

EXEMPT
from CSU Early Start Program
May enroll directly in college level courses upon admission to a CSU

EPT scores of 147 or above
ELM score of 80 or above

NOT EXEMPT
Required to participate in the CSU Early Start Program
(Unless you meet either Early Start Program exemption)
Go to: www.csusuccess.org/earlystart/early-start-faq

Note: old SAT cut-offs shown here
ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS/LITERACY

Bella’s overall score for 2016 is:
2602 | Standard Met (Level 3)

Early Assessment Program (EAP) College Readiness:
Conditionally Ready for college-level coursework

Overall Progress: Bella met the grade 11 standard for ELA and appears ready for future coursework.

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- **Standard Exceeded:** Ready for English and/or mathematics college-level coursework.
- **Standard Met:** Conditionally Ready for English and/or mathematics college-level coursework. Students earning a status of Conditionally Ready (Standard Met) can be exempt from the CSU’s placement test and the Early Start Program by taking an approved senior year course and earning a grade of C or better.
- **Standard Nearly Met:** Not yet demonstrating readiness for English and/or mathematics college-level coursework.
- **Standard Not Met:** Not demonstrating readiness for English and/or mathematics college-level coursework.
How do I know what I have to take?

A. Refer to Campus Portal “To Do” List.
EPT & ELM: CSU PLACEMENT TESTS

Test Administered in the second semester of the senior year
Q. When should students take the ELM/EPT if they are required to take it?
A. As soon as they are admitted to a CSU campus

Q. Where can I take the exam?
A. Any nearby CSU campus.

Q. How do I know what dates are being offered?
A. Visit www.ets.org/csu
California State University Placement Tests

About the California State University Placement Tests

Start Smart at California State University (CSU)

The California State University (CSU) requires you to take the English Placement Test (EPT) and the Entry Level Mathematics (ELM) exam prior to enrollment in the CSU unless you are exempt by means of scores earned on other appropriate tests such as the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) Early Assessment Program (EAP) tests in English and Mathematics, the SAT®, ACT®, or Advanced Placement® (AP®) tests.

The EPT and the ELM are not admission tests; instead, they determine eligibility to enroll in specific courses. If you are required to take the EPT and the ELM but fail to do so, you will not be allowed to register for General Education courses at the CSU. You may take the EPT, ELM or both at a campus near you or where you plan to enroll.

Learn more about the EPT and the ELM tests and exemptions.

Download the 2016 CSU EPT/ELM Information Bulletin (PDF).

Early Start Program

The CSU Early Start Program requires students who do not perform well on the tests, or are not exempt by other means, to strengthen their English and/or math skills the summer before enrolling in the freshman year. Students who score below...
2016 Calendar for the EPT and the ELM

Most campuses administer the EPT and the ELM on the system-wide dates indicated in the following table by an asterisk (*). In addition to these dates, each campus offers the tests on a number of variable dates. The table shows test dates between 2015 and 2016 on which each campus will be offering the EPT and the ELM. If any campus decides to offer additional test dates, that campus will publicize them. Each campus name links to the campus test office website.

Please note, test dates without the asterisk (*) are subject to change.

Out-of-state Testing

If you live outside of the state of California, have been admitted to a CSU campus and need to take the EPT and/or the ELM before arriving in California, please register for the EPT and ELM online here.

Out-of-state testing is arranged for the second week of the month, except in May, when the test is the first week. Arrangements must be made by the 15th of the month before testing will take place. There is an additional, non-refundable fee of $75 for testing outside of the state of California. If you have a question regarding out-of-state testing, please call 1-925-808-2142 or email csououtofstate@ets.org.
- Last Exam to Take is usually May
  - Encourage Students to Register early

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Q. What happens if I don’t take ELM/EPT and I am required to?

A. Student will receive a hold on their record preventing them from enrolling. Hold will not be removed until student takes exam and we receive scores. Once student takes ELM/EPT, based on their scores, they may have to participate in Early Start.

Note: consequences for missing the EPT/ELM deadlines vary by campus
Resources for the

English Placement Test (EPT)

EPT Guide for students and teachers

• Sample questions

• Tips for Teachers

• Calibrated Peer Review

Congratulations for taking early steps toward achieving a college degree from the CSU! This website will help you prepare to enroll in for-credit English courses at the CSU.

Create Your Roadmap

Sharpen Your English Skills

Prepare
Find out what things you can begin doing right now to help you pass the EPT exam. more

Watch
Listen to some CSU freshmen talk about preparing for the EPT Exam and what happened to them when they didn't pass it more

Learn
The CSU Early Start Program requires students who aren't ready for college math and/or English to begin remediation before arriving at a CSU campus. more

www.csuenglisshsuccess.org
www.csuenglishsuccess.org
Resources for the

Entry Level Mathematics (ELM)

ELM Guide for students and teachers

- Sample questions
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Review the Online ELM: CSU Math Study Guide
www.csumathsuccess.org
• CSU Mobile Site for
  • ELM (www.CSUMathSuccess.org)
  • EPT (www.CSUEnglishSuccess.org)
4 Opportunities to Meet the ELM Requirement

As an incoming CSU student, you must prove that you’re ready for college-level math courses by meeting the Entry Level Mathematics (ELM) requirement. Doing so lets you avoid non-credit-but-costly remedial math coursework.

See the 4 opportunities below to meet the ELM.

- EAP
- National Standardized Tests
- ELM Examination
- Early Start Program
Student Testimonial Videos

Take the ELM seriously! These student videos show what happens when you don’t plan, prepare for, and pass the exam.

Freshmen's Testimonial from San Jose State University

ELM Preparation: Freshmen's Testimonial

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5 Practice Problems

The following is a short, five-question quiz to help you understand the kinds of problems on the ELM exam and also to let you see how you do on them.

- All five problems are presented on one page.
- Simply scroll through the problems and select your answers.
- After completing all 5 questions, click on the "Score Quiz" button and your results will be presented.
- The quiz will not be scored until you have answered each of the 5 questions.

Good luck!

Take the Quiz

College Prep Resources

- CSU How to Get to College Poster — provides checklists for middle and high school students and their parents to help students stay on a path to college. (English and Spanish versions)
- CSU Mentor Website — includes valuable tools to help high school students learn about the CSU system, plan to take the appropriate high school courses, select a CSU campus to attend, make financial aid arrangements, and apply for admission.
- California Colleges Website — provides information about higher education opportunities in California including virtual campus tours, counseling, and admissions planners
- CSU English Success Website — offers clear and authoritative advice about the English Placement Test (EPT) requirement and educational tools to help high school students meet the requirement in the most efficient manner

1. If \(4x - 5 = 18 - 7x\), then \(x = \)

   - \(-13 \over 3\)
   - \(13 \over 11\)
   - \(2\)
   - 23
   - 23
   - 3

2. \(\frac{5t^2 - 30t}{5t} = \)

   - \(-29t\)
“Conditionally Ready” and the EPT/ELM

What It Means

- Student may have to take ELM/EPT Placement Exams
- Student may have to participate in Early Start (dependent on how they do on ELM/EPT)
- Based upon whether or not a student is taking an appropriate 12th grade class

Deemed Conditional based on any of the following reasons

Note: old SAT cut-offs shown here
Q. I wasn’t conditionally exempt based upon my EAP, but I’m enrolled in a senior year experience course. Do I still have to take the ELM/EPT?

A. Unless exempt based on the SAT, ACT, or AP score, then yes the EPT and/or ELM must be taken.

New SAT Cut Scores for College Readiness

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Q. I was conditionally exempt and did not complete my Senior Year Experience course and did not take the ELM/EPT, what happens to me?

A. Early Start is needed

B. The level of remediation required varies by campus. Some campuses require the student to take the lowest level Early Start math and/or English remedial course, and other campuses may place the student in the highest level of remediation.
EARLY START

Remediation in the summer prior to the first fall semester
EARLY START

Early Start requires incoming first time freshman who do not demonstrate readiness for college-level math and/or English to begin remediation during the summer before coming to the CSU.

The goal of Early Start is to better prepare students in math and English before their first semester, thereby improving their chances of completing a college degree.
Basic Early Start Information

1. Students can take Early Start (ESP) classes at any CSU (Service vs. Destination campuses)

2. Units vary between 1 and 4 for ESP classes

3. Students with an EFC of $5,000 or less are granted a fee waiver for the cost of the class(es). ESP courses are $182 per unit

4. Some ESP courses only satisfy the ESP requirement, and others fulfill the ESP and remediation requirements. Different campuses offer different options

5. The following are exempt from ESP:
   1. International Students
   2. Residents of other states
   3. Late admits (for example, after August 1 at CSU Fullerton)
How do I notify my campus where I plan to take Early Start?

By completing the Early Start “Smart Page” on their portal

On the Smart Page, students:

- Are able to view their ELM/EPT status
- Declare where they intend to fulfill their ESP requirement
Where can I take courses at?

www.csusuccess.org/earlystart
The Early Start Program is designed for admitted CSU freshmen who need to improve their skills in English and Mathematics before the beginning of the fall term. Students are encouraged to fulfill the requirement to participate in Early Start at their future campus. However, there are many in-person and online courses in both English and Mathematics offered throughout the CSU. In addition, students may fulfill the Early Start requirement at a California Community College or other institution if available. Students must contact their future campus prior to selecting this option.

After designating where they will complete an Early Start course, students who choose to complete Early Start at a CSU campus other than the one they will attend in fall 2014 will receive enrollment information from that CSU campus in early summer.
Courses by CSU Campus

Select one or more campuses below and indicate which Early Start course(s) you intend to take to view the CSU course offerings.

English and/or Math
- Math

Campus
- CalPoly Pomona
- CalPoly San Luis Obispo
- CSU Bakersfield
- CSU Channel Islands
- CSU Chico

Online?
- No
- Yes

Remediation Outcome
- Satisfies Early Start and ELM/EPT Remediation
- Satisfies Early Start Only

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### Different Dates Throughout Summer

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<td>Review of the rectangular coordinate system, lines, linear equation systems, and polynomial expressions and arithmetic. Algebraic subjects include: simplification of algebraic expressions, solution of quadratic and rational equations, properties of exponents, and arithmetic operations involving rational exponents. Geometric subjects include: determination of angles, basic geometric figures and their uses, properties of triangles, circles, polygons, and applications of the Pythagorean Theorem. Enrollment is restricted to incoming first-year students with a highest Entry-Level Mathematics (ELM) exam score from 40 to 48. ESM 30 does not count toward any graduation requirement to be completed at CSUSM, but completion of this course with a grade of C (2.0) or higher will satisfy the CSU ELM requirement.</td>
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Early Start Deadlines...

Some deadlines may vary by campus. Example below is from CSU Fullerton

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<td>Opening of the Early Start Smart Page - students can view their status and declare intent to fulfill</td>
<td>April 17, 2017</td>
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<td>ELM/EPT last date to take the test(s)</td>
<td>May 6, 2017</td>
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Q. If I am a service student, how does my destination campus receive my grade/score?

A. Campuses submit to a system-wide database if a student has completed the requirement. CSU campuses have access to this database.

Q. What happens if I don’t participate in Early Start and I am required to?

A. Consequences vary by campus. Could result in a hold on your record preventing enrollment for the fall or mandatory enrollment in specific classes.
RECAP & RESOURCES

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Smarter Balanced
College Readiness is a BIG Deal

Timeline of Student opportunities to become College Ready:

1\textsuperscript{st} Opportunity
EAP Test Results: ready, conditional, not ready

2\textsuperscript{nd} Opportunity
High SAT/ACT Scores, AP exams, etc.

3\textsuperscript{rd} Opportunity
CSU Placement Tests

4\textsuperscript{th} Opportunity
Early Start

In addition to above, ERWC & SMI provide developmental support helping to improve students’ skills in Math and English.

GOAL: to reduce remediation and increase the number of students entering College Ready!

http://ed.fullerton.edu/collegereadiness
Resources – College Readiness

CSUF College Readiness Website:  
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Success Website:  
www.CSUSuccess.org
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Thank You!