

**Title 5, California Code of Regulations**  
**Division 5 – Board of Trustees of the California State Universities**  
**Chapter 1 – California State University**  
**Subchapter 3 – Admission Requirements**  
**Article 1 – Construction and Definitions**  
**§ 40601. Particular Terms.**

The following terms, whenever used or referred to in this subchapter, shall have the following meanings, respectively, unless a different meaning appears from the context:

- (a) The term “Chancellor” means the Chancellor of the California State University or designee.
- (b) The term “the campus” means the campus to which application for admission is made.
- (c) The term “appropriate campus authority” means the president of the campus or designee.
- (d) The term “college” means:

(1) Any institution of higher learning ~~which~~ that is accredited to offer work leading to the degree of Bachelor of Arts or to the degree of Bachelor of Science, by the applicable regional accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department of Education, except an institution which is accredited only as a “specialized institution”;

(2) Any foreign institution of higher learning which, in the judgment of the Chancellor, offers course work equivalent to that offered by institutions included within subdivision (d)(1) of this section.

(e) The term “application” means the submission to the campus, by the person applying for admission, of all documents, including official transcripts of all the applicants’ academic records and information ~~which~~ that the applicant is required to personally submit, and the payment of any application fee due, pursuant to Section 41800.1.

~~(1) For admissions prior to fall term 2004, that number derived from a weighted combination of the grade point average for the final three years of high school or of the grade point average for the final three years of high school excluding the final year or final term thereof, and in any case excluding courses in physical education and military science, and the score on either the American College Test or the Scholastic Aptitude Test pursuant to Section 40752 or Section 40802; such weighing of grade point averages and test scores shall be determined and adjusted by the chancellor on the basis of the probability of academic success in the California State University.~~

(f) The term “eligibility index” means ~~(2) For admissions commencing with fall term 2004,~~ the number derived for admission determination, from a weighted combination of the grade point average for courses taken in the comprehensive pattern of college preparatory subjects during the final three years of high school, and the score on either the American College Test ~~ACT Examination~~ or the Scholastic Aptitude Test ~~SAT Examination~~ (examinations), pursuant to Title 5 Section 40752 or Section 40802;

~~such as~~ The weighting of grade point averages and test scores shall be determined and adjusted from time to time by the Chancellor on the basis of standards defined by a California higher education eligibility study. ~~the probability of academic success in the California State University.~~

(g) The term “good standing at the last college attended” means that at the time of application for admission and at the time of admission, the applicant was not under disciplinary or academic suspension, dismissal, expulsion or similar action by the last college attended and was not under disciplinary suspension, dismissal, expulsion or similar action at any institution of the California State University.

(h) The term “first-time freshman” means an applicant who has earned college credit not later than the end of the summer immediately following high school graduation or an applicant who has not earned any college credit.

(i) The term “undergraduate transfer” means any person who is not a first-time freshman pursuant to Section 40601(h), and who does not hold a baccalaureate degree from any college.

(j) The term “full-time student” means any student whose program while in attendance at a college averaged twelve or more semester units per semester, or the equivalent.

(k) The term “resident” shall have the same meaning as does the same term in Section 68017 of the Education Code, and shall include all persons so treated by the provisions of that section.

(l) The term “unit” means a semester unit within the meaning of Section 40103, or the equivalent thereof.

(m) The term “transferable” when used in connection with college units, college credit or college work, shall mean those college units, credit or work which are determined to be acceptable (either for specific requirements or as electives) toward meeting the requirements of a baccalaureate degree. The Chancellor is authorized to establish and from time to time to revise procedures for the implementation of this subdivision.

~~(n) For admissions prior to fall term 2003, the term “comprehensive pattern of college preparatory subjects” means four years of English, three years of mathematics, one year of United States history or United States history and government, one year of laboratory science, two years of foreign language, one year of visual and performing arts, and three years of electives from any combination of English, mathematics, social science, history, laboratory science, foreign language, visual and performing arts, and other fields of study determined by the Chancellor to be appropriate preparation for California State University study.~~

~~(e)(n) Commencing with admissions for the fall term 2003,~~ The term “comprehensive pattern of college preparatory subjects” means, in each area of study, at least four years of English, three years of mathematics, two years of history or social science, two years of laboratory science, two years of foreign language, one year of visual and performing arts, and one year of electives from any combination of English, mathematics, social science, history, laboratory science, foreign language, visual and performing arts, and other fields of study determined by the Chancellor to be appropriate preparation for California State University study.

(o) The terms “impacted campus” or “impacted programs” at any campus mean that the number of applications from eligible applicants received during the initial application filing period exceeds the number of available admission spaces.

(p) The terms “redirection” or “redirect” refer to the responsibility of each CSU campus that opens to receive new undergraduate applications for any given term to admit eligible transfer applicants with Associate Degrees for Transfer or to forward their application to another CSU campus with the capacity to admit.

Note: Authority cited: Section 89030, Education Code. Reference: Section 89030, 89030.5, Education Code.

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**§ 40803. Applicants Who Are California Residents and Who Have Completed the Prescribed Number of Units of College Credit**

(a) An applicant who is a resident of California may be admitted to a campus as an undergraduate transfer ~~upon satisfaction of the requirements of subdivisions (1), (2), and (4) or (1), (3), and (4), as appropriate:~~

~~(1) Commencing with admissions to the fall term 2000, the applicant has completed satisfactorily at least 30 semester (45 quarter) units in courses at a level at least equivalent to General Education Breadth courses, including courses in written communication in the English language, oral communication in the English language, critical thinking, and mathematics and quantitative reasoning;~~

~~(2) For admission prior to fall term 2005, the applicant has attained a grade point average of 2.0 (grade of C) or better in at least 56 semester (84 quarter) units of transferable college credit;~~

~~(3) Commencing with admission to the fall term 2005, the applicant has attained a grade point average of 2.0 (grade of C) or better in at least 60 semester (90 quarter) units of transferable college credit;~~

~~(4) The applicant was in good standing at the last college attended.~~

~~(b) Commencing with admission to the fall term 2006, an applicant who has attended a California community college and who has committed to a major and campus of the California State University before earning more than 45 semester (68 quarter) units will receive the highest priority for admission to that campus and major if the applicant has completed successfully the systemwide lower-division transfer pattern for that major and the campus-specific lower-division transfer pattern for that major and campus, as defined in Section 40530. "Highest priority" as used herein means a guarantee of admission subject to enrollment demand, available space, and satisfactory completion of any impaction criteria for that campus and major.~~  
if the applicant:

(a) has completed with a grade of C- or better: courses in written communication in the English language; oral communication in the English language; critical thinking, and mathematics or quantitative reasoning at a level satisfying general education requirements;

(b) has completed at least 60 semester (90 quarter) units of transferable college credit, of which 30 semester (45 quarter) units are at a level equivalent to general education breadth courses;

(c) has attained a grade point average of 2.0 (grade of C) or better in all transferable college courses attempted; and

(d) is in good standing at the last college attended.

Impacted campuses or programs may require supplemental admission criteria, including an overall higher grade point average and/or the completion of additional specified courses.

Eligible students who meet the above admission requirements and who earn an appropriate Associate Degree for Transfer from a California Community College will receive a guarantee of admission with junior status to the California State University, but not to any particular campus or academic program. Students admitted with an Associate Degree for Transfer will receive priority over all other community college transfer students and will have priority for admission to a program or major that is similar to his or her community college major or area of emphasis, as determined by the campus to which the student is admitted.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 66746, 66747, 89030, Education Code. Reference: Section 89030, Education Code.

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**§ 40804. Applicants Who Were Eligible for Admission As First-Time Freshmen and Who Have Completed Fewer Than the Prescribed Number of Units of College Credit**

~~An~~ Subject to restrictions on admission due to impaction, an applicant who has completed fewer than ~~56 semester (84 quarter) units of college credit for admission prior to fall term 2005 and fewer than 60 semester (90 quarter) units of college credit commencing with admission to the fall 2005 term~~ may be admitted to a campus as an undergraduate transfer upon satisfaction of the requirements of each of the following lettered subdivisions:

(a) The applicant was eligible for admission to a campus as a first-time freshman, either

(1) on the basis of the admission requirements in effect at the time of the application, other than the provisions of Sections 40757, 40758, 40900, or 40901, and including satisfactory completion of the comprehensive pattern of college preparatory subjects as defined in subsection (n) of Section 40601 or an alternative program determined by the Chancellor to be equivalent; or

(2) on the basis of the admission requirements in effect at the time of the applicant's graduation from high school, other than the provisions of Sections 40757, 40758, 40900, or 40901, including satisfactory completion of any college preparatory course requirements in effect at that time or an alternative program determined by the Chancellor to be equivalent, if the applicant has been in continuous attendance at a college since graduation;

(b) The applicant shall have completed, with a grade of C- or better, a course in written communication in the English language and a course in mathematics or quantitative reasoning at a level satisfying CSU General Education Breadth Area A2 and B4 requirements, respectively.

~~(b)~~(c) The applicant has attained a grade point average of 2.0 (grade of C) or better in all transferable college units attempted; and

~~(c)~~(d) The applicant is in good standing at the last college attended.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 89030, Education Code. Reference: Section 89030, Education Code.

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**§ 40804.1. Applicants Who Were Ineligible for Admission As First-Time Freshmen for Failure to Meet Course Requirements and Who Have Completed Fewer Than the Prescribed Number of Units of College Credit.**

~~An~~ Subject to restrictions on admission due to impactation, an applicant who has completed ~~fewer than 56 semester (84 quarter) units of college credit for admission prior to fall term 2005 and fewer than 60 semester (90 quarter) units of college credit commencing with admission to the fall 2005 term~~ and who was not eligible for admission to a campus as a first-time freshman solely because of failure to complete satisfactorily the comprehensive pattern of college preparatory subjects defined in subdivision (n) of Section 40601 or an alternative program determined by the Chancellor to be equivalent may be admitted to a campus as an undergraduate transfer upon satisfaction of each of the following lettered subdivisions:

- (a) Except for satisfactory completion of the comprehensive pattern of college preparatory subjects defined in subdivision (n) of Section 40601 or an acceptable alternative program, the applicant who was eligible for admission to a campus as a first-time freshman, either
- (1) on the basis of the admission requirements in effect at the time of the application, other than the provisions of Sections 40757, 40758, 40900, or 40901; or
  - (2) on the basis of the admission requirements in effect at the time of the applicant's graduation from high school, other than the provisions of Sections 40757, 40758, 40900, or 40901, if the applicant has been in continuous attendance at a college since graduation;
- (b) Subsequent to high school graduation, the applicant has completed satisfactorily whatever college preparatory course requirements were in effect at the time of the applicant's graduation from high school, or an alternative program determined by the Chancellor to be equivalent;
- (c) The applicant shall have completed, with a grade of C- or better, a course in written communication in the English language and a course in mathematics or quantitative reasoning at a level satisfying CSU General Education Breadth Area A2 and B4 requirements, respectively.

~~(e)~~(d) The applicant has attained a grade point average of 2.0 (a grade of C) or better in all transferable college units attempted;

~~(d)~~(e) The applicant is in good academic standing at the last college attended.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 89030, Education Code. Reference: Section 89030, Education Code.

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§ 40806. Other Applicants.**

An applicant who does not meet the requirements of Sections 40803, 40804 and 40805, but who is eligible for admission as a first-time freshman on the basis of the admission requirements in effect at the time of the application for admission as an undergraduate transfer, other than the provisions of Section 40759, or who has completed ~~56 semester (84 quarter) units of transferable college credit for admission prior to fall term 2005 and~~ 60 semester (90 quarter) units of transferable college credit ~~commencing with admission to the fall 2005 term~~, may be admitted to a campus as an undergraduate transfer, if in the judgment of the appropriate campus authority, the applicant can succeed at the campus, and:

(a) The applicant is in good academic standing at the last college attended; and

(b) The admission status will be uniquely identified in the admission process.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 66600, 89030 and 89035, Education Code. Reference: Sections 66600 and 89030, Education Code.

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§ 40900. General Exceptions.**

An applicant who is not otherwise eligible for admission as either a first-time freshman pursuant to Article 4 (commencing with Section 40751) or as a transfer student with fewer than ~~56 semester (84 quarter) units for admission prior to fall term 2005 and fewer than~~ 60 semester (90 quarter) units ~~commencing with admission to the fall 2005 term~~

pursuant to Article 5 (commencing with Section 40801) may be admitted to a campus provided that the number of applicants enrolled in ~~the~~ California State University pursuant to this Section for any college year shall not exceed 4% percent of all undergraduate students who enrolled for the first time in ~~the~~ California State University during the previous college year exclusive of those who enrolled after being admitted under the provisions of this article. The Chancellor may prescribe, and may from time to time revise, procedures for the administration of this Section.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 66600, 89030 and 89035, Education Code. Reference: Sections 66600 and 89030, Education Code.

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**§ 40901. Exceptions for Applicants to Special Compensatory Programs.**

(a) An applicant who is not otherwise eligible for admissions either as a first-time freshman pursuant to Article 4 (commencing with Section 40751) or as a transfer student with fewer ~~56 semester (84 quarter) units for admission prior to fall term 2005 and fewer than 60 semester (90 quarter) units commencing with admission to the fall 2005 term~~ pursuant to Article 5 (commencing with Section 40801) may be admitted to a campus provided that he or she is a disadvantaged applicant for whom special compensatory assistance is available, and provided further that the number of applicants enrolled in ~~the~~ California State University pursuant to this Section for any college year shall not exceed 4% percent of all undergraduate students enrolled for the first time in ~~the~~ California State University during the previous college year exclusive of those who enrolled after being admitted under the provisions of this article. The Chancellor may establish, and may from time to time revise, procedures for the administration of this Section.

(b) As used in this Section, the term “disadvantaged applicant” means an applicant who comes from a low-income family; and who has the potential to perform satisfactorily on the college level; but who has been and appears to be unable to realize that potential without special assistance because of economic; or educational background.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 89030, Education Code. Reference: Section 89030, Education Code.