ADMISSIONS (UNDERGRADUATE)

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Requesting Information and Application for Admission

Before you decide to apply for admission to California State University, Chico, we invite you to visit our university. (https://www.csuchico.edu/admissions/visit/index.shtml/) The Office of Admissions (http://www.csuchico.edu/admissions/) staff is ready to make your visit informative and provide pre-admission advising, help with application procedures and other specialized services.

The Office of Admissions provides information about higher education to prospective students, parents, guidance counselors and others. The staff assists students in the admission process and informs other educational institutions and agencies about the CSU and Chico State programs, policies and procedures. Other services include coordination of visits by the Admissions staff to high schools, community colleges, community agencies and responding to inquiries on University enrollment.

You may access additional information regarding the University on the Chico State website (https://www.csuchico.edu/) or by calling 530-898-4428.

Admission Procedures and Policies

Requirements for admission to Chico State are in accordance with Title 5, Chapter 1, Subchapter 3, of the California Code of Regulations. Complete information is available on the California State University (CSU) website (https://www.calstate.edu/).

All CSU applications must be submitted online on the Cal State Apply website (https://www.calstate.edu/apply/?utm_source=google&utm_medium=performance-max&utm_campaign=ss23-engage). An acknowledgment will be sent to the applicant when the online application has been submitted.

Importance of Filing Complete, Accurate, and Authentic Application Documents

Chico State advises prospective students that they must supply complete and accurate information on the application for admission, residency questionnaire, and financial aid forms. Further, applicants must, when requested, submit authentic and official transcripts of all previous academic work attempted. Failure to file complete, accurate, and authentic application documents may result in denial of admission, cancellation of registration or academic credit, suspension, or expulsion (Section 41301, Article 1.1, Title 5, California Code of Regulations).

Undergraduate Application Procedures

Prospective students applying for part-time or full-time undergraduate programs of study must submit a completed undergraduate application. The $70 nonrefundable application fee should be paid online at the time of application via credit card or PayPal and may not be transferred or used to apply to another term. An alternate major may be requested on the application if desired from the university. The applications of persons denied admission to an impacted university may be redirected to another CSU at no cost, but only if the applicant is CSU eligible.

Impacted Programs

The CSU designates programs as impacted when more applications from regularly eligible applicants are received in the initial filing period (October and November for fall terms, June for winter terms, August for spring terms, February for summer terms) than can be accommodated. Some programs are impacted at every university that they are offered; others are impacted only at a few universities. Candidates for admission must meet all of the university’s specified supplementary admission criteria if applying to an impacted program or university.

The CSU will announce during the fall filing period those universities or programs that are impacted. Detailed information on university and program impaction is available on the Access & Impaction website (https://www.calstate.edu/attend/impaction-at-the-csu/).

Each university will communicate supplementary admission criteria for all impacted programs to high schools and community colleges in their application service area and will disseminate this information to the public through appropriate media. This information will also be published on the Chico State Office of Admissions website.

Applicants must file applications for admission to an impacted program during the initial filing period. Applicants who wish to be considered for impacted programs at more than one CSU should file an application at each university for which they seek admission consideration.

Supplementary Admission Criteria

Each CSU with impacted programs or class-level admission categories uses supplementary admission criteria in screening applicants. Supplementary criteria may include rank-ordering of freshman applicants based on GPA or rank-ordering of transfer applicants based on verification of Associate in Arts for Transfer (AA-T) or Associate in Science Transfer (AS-T) degrees, the overall transfer grade point average (GPA), completion of specified prerequisite courses, and a combination of university-developed criteria. Applicants for freshman admission to impacted universities or programs may need to have a higher "a-g" GPA. In no case will standardized test scores be utilized in making freshman admission decisions.

The supplementary admission criteria used by individual CSUs to screen applicants are made available by the universities to all applicants seeking admission to an impacted program.

Nursing and Recording Arts at Chico State are designated as impacted majors. Visit the Office of Admissions (https://www.csuchico.edu/admissions/) online or call 530-898-4428 for an updated list of impacted majors. Upper-division transfer students from outside of our local admission area may be held to a higher GPA requirement. This GPA will be decided based on the characteristics of the applicant pool.

Residency Determination

Whether you are a resident of California or a non-resident determines the fees you pay and the admission requirements that apply to you. Residence classifications are determined through a review of the information you provide in the residence portion of your admission application. For a summary statement of the principal rules and exceptions regarding the residence determination, see “Determination of Residency for Tuition Purposes” in the CSU System Policies and
Regulations (https://catalog.csuchico.edu/academic-standards-policies/csu-policies-regulations/#text) section.

**AB540 Eligibility Requirements**

Under the provision of the California state Assembly Bill 540 (http://www.csuchico.edu/fa/categories/ab540.shtml/) some California non-residents may pay in-state fees.

**California Dream Act of 2011**

The California Dream Act (https://www.csac.ca.gov/undocumented-dreamer-students/) of 2011 is the result of two bills, Assembly Bill 130 and Assembly Bill 131. Together, these bills allow undocumented and documented students who meet certain provisions of the AB 540 law to apply for and receive private scholarships funneled through public universities (AB 130). Effective January 2013, students may be eligible for state-administered financial aid, university grants, and community college fee waivers (AB 131).

**Undergraduate Admission Requirements**

**Freshman Requirements**

Generally, applicants will qualify for consideration for first-time freshman admission if they meet the following requirements:

1. Have graduated from high school, have earned a Certificate of General Education Development (GED) or have passed the California High School Proficiency Examination (CHSPE);
2. Complete the 15-unit comprehensive "a-g" pattern of college preparatory courses;
3. Have completed, with grades of C- or better, each of the courses in the comprehensive pattern of college preparatory subject requirements (p. 3) also known as the "a-g" pattern (see "Subject Requirements"); and
   - The CSU will accept "Credit" or "Pass" grades to satisfy "a-g" requirements completed during Winter, Spring, Summer or Fall 2020 terms and during Winter, Spring or Summer 2021 terms. The CSU expects and assumes that high school Pass (Credit) grades will represent work completed at the C- or higher level. As of Fall 2021 and forward, grades are expected for courses.
4. Earn a qualifying "a-g" grade point average (GPA) as described below.
   - California residents and graduates of California high schools will be eligible for admission by earning a 2.50 or greater "a-g" GPA.
   - Any California high school graduate or resident of California earning a GPA between 2.00 and 2.49 may be evaluated for admission based upon supplemental factors such as number of courses exceeding minimum "a-g" requirements, household income, extracurricular involvement, and other available information that would inform the university admission decision.
   - Non-California residents may be eligible for admission to the CSU by earning a 3.00 or greater "a-g" GPA along with other supplemental factors utilized by the individual university, including those outlined by impacted universities and programs.
   - Any Non-California resident earning a GPA between 2.47 and 2.99 may be evaluated for admission based upon supplemental factors such as number of courses exceeding minimum "a-g" requirements, household income, extracurricular involvement, and other available information that would inform the university admission decision.
5. Each CSU will determine the supplemental factors used with GPA to determine eligibility in these cases and communicate these criteria publicly for prospective students.

The California State University (CSU) permanently discontinued the use of ACT/SAT examination in determining admission eligibility. Submitted test scores by admitted students would be considered only for purposes of student placement in Math or English courses.

Students may contact:

The College Board (SAT)
Registration Unit, Box 6200
Princeton, New Jersey 08541-6200
(609) 771-7588
www.collegeboard.org (http://www.collegeboard.org)

ACT Registration Unit
P.O. Box 414
Iowa City, Iowa 52240
(319) 337-1270
www.act.org (http://www.act.org)

**Provisional Admission**

Chico State may provisionally admit first-time freshman applicants based on their academic preparation through the junior year of high school and planned coursework for the senior year. The university will monitor the final terms of study to ensure that admitted students complete their secondary school studies satisfactorily, including the required college preparatory subjects, and graduate from high school. Students are required to submit an official transcript after graduation to certify that all coursework has been satisfactorily completed. Official high school transcripts must be received prior to the deadline set by the university. In no case may documentation of high school graduation be received any later than the census date for a student’s first term of CSU enrollment. A CSU may rescind admission decisions, cancel financial aid awards, withdraw housing contracts and cancel any university registration for students who are found to be ineligible after the final transcript has been evaluated.

Applicants will qualify for regular (non-provisional) admission when the university verifies that they have graduated and received a high school diploma, have completed the comprehensive pattern of college preparatory "a-g" subjects and, if applying to an impacted program or university, have met all supplementary criteria.

**English Language (TOEFL) Requirement**

All undergraduate applicants whose native language is not English and who have not attended schools at the secondary level or above for at least three years full time where English is the principal language of instruction must present a qualifying score on a recognized external English language proficiency exam. Some majors may require a score higher than the Chico State minimum. Approved English language proficiency examinations accepted at Chico State are as follows:

- Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)
  - Minimum Score for Undergraduate Applicants
    - Internet-based test - 61
    - Paper-based test - 500
  - Essentials - 7.0
  - Minimum Score for Graduate Applicants
Subject Requirements

The CSU requires that first-time freshman applicants complete, with grades of C- or higher, a comprehensive pattern of college preparatory study totaling 15 units. A “unit” is one year of study in high school. A grade of CR or P will be honored for coursework completed during the winter, spring, summer, or fall 2020 and during winter, spring, or summer 2021 terms.

Social Science, 2 years
- (including one year of U.S. history or U.S. history and government)

English, 4 years
Mathematics, 3 years
- (algebra, geometry, and intermediate algebra; four years recommended)

Laboratory Science, 2 years
- (one biological and one physical science, both with labs)

Foreign language, 2 years
- (same language, subject to waiver for applicants demonstrating equivalent competence)

Visual or Performing Arts, 1 year
- (art, dance, drama/theatre, or music, one single year-long course or two semester-long courses in the same discipline)

Electives, 1 year
- (selected from English, advanced mathematics, social science, history, laboratory science, foreign language, visual and performing arts, or other courses approved and included on the UC/CSU "a-g" list)

Subject Requirement Substitution for Students with Disabilities

Applicants with disabilities are encouraged to complete college preparatory course requirements. If you are judged unable to fulfill a specific course requirement because of your verified disability, alternate college preparatory courses may possibly be substituted for specific subject requirements. Substitutions may possibly be authorized on an individual basis after review and recommendation by your academic advisor or guidance counselor in consultation with a Chico State Admissions counselor. Although the distribution may be slightly different from the course pattern required of other students, students qualifying for substitutions will still be held for 15 units of college preparatory study. You should be aware that course substitutions may limit your later enrollment in certain majors, particularly those involving mathematics. For more information, please call the Office of Admissions at 530-898-6322. Chico State requires that course substitutions be approved before the substituted course is taken. Subject requirement substitutions are granted on a case-by-case basis.

Transfer Policies of California State University

Most commonly, college-level credits earned from an institution of higher education accredited by a regional/national accrediting agency are accepted for transfer to universities of the CSU; however, authority for decisions regarding the transfer of undergraduate credits is delegated to each university.

California Community Colleges and other authorized certifying institutions can certify up to 39 semester (58.5 quarter) units of General Education-Breadth (GE-Breadth) or 37 semester (55.5 quarter) units of the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) for transfer students to fulfill lower-division general education requirements for any CSU university prior to transfer.

"Certification" is the official notification from a California Community College or authorized institution that a transfer student has completed courses fulfilling lower-division general education requirements. The CSU GE-Breadth and the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) certification course lists for particular community colleges can be accessed on the official transfer and articulation system for California's public colleges and universities website, assist.org (https://www.assist.org/).

CSUs may enter into course-to-course or program-to-program articulation agreements with other CSUs and all of the California Community Colleges, and other regionally accredited institutions. Established CSU and California Community College articulations may be found on assist.org (https://www.assist.org/).

Students may be permitted to transfer no more than 70 semester (105 quarter) units to a CSU from an institution that does not offer bachelor's degrees or their equivalents, for example, community colleges. Given the university's 30-semester (45 quarter) unit residency requirement, no more than a total of 90 semester (135 quarter) units may be transferred into the university from all sources.

Transfer Requirements

Applicants who have completed fewer than 60 transferable semester college units (fewer than 90 quarter units) are considered lower-division transfer students. Students who have completed 60 or more transferable semester college units (90 or more quarter units) are considered upper-division transfer students. Students who complete college units during high school or through the summer immediately following high school graduation are considered first-time freshmen and must meet the CSU minimum eligibility requirements for first-time freshman admission. Transferable courses are those designated for baccalaureate credit by the college or university offering the courses and accepted as such by the university to which the applicant seeks admission.

Lower-Division Transfer Requirements

Due to increased enrollment demands, some CSUs do not admit lower-division transfer applicants. Students are advised to check the respective university they are interested in to see if lower division transfer applications are accepted.

An applicant who completes fewer than 60 semester (90 quarter) units of college credit is considered a lower-division transfer student. Due to enrollment pressures, some CSUs do not admit lower-division transfers so that more upper-division transfers can be accommodated.
Having fewer than 60 semester (90 quarter) units at the point of transfer may affect eligibility for registration priority at a CSU and may affect the student’s financial aid status.

California resident transfer applicants with fewer than 60 semester or 90 quarter units must:

- Have a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 (C) or better in all transferable units attempted;
- Have completed, with a grade of C- or better, a course in written communication and a course in mathematics or quantitative reasoning at a level satisfying CSU General Education Breadth Area A2 and B4 requirement, respectively;
- Be in good standing at the last institution attended; and
- Meet any one of the following eligibility standards.

**Transfer Based on Current Admission Criteria**
The applicant meets the freshman admission requirements in effect for the term for which the application is filed; -OR-

**Transfer Based on High School Eligibility**
The applicant was eligible as a freshman at the time of high school graduation and has been in continuous attendance in an accredited college since high school graduation; -OR-

**Transfer Based on Making Up Missing Subjects**
The applicant had a qualifying GPA, has made up any missing college preparatory subject requirements with a grade of C- or better, and has been in continuous attendance in an accredited college since high school graduation.

One baccalaureate-level course of at least 3 semester (4 quarter) units is usually considered equivalent to one year of high school study.

Note: Some CSUs may require lower-division transfer students to complete specific college coursework, for example the four basic skills courses, as part of their admission criteria.

**Upper-Division Transfer Requirements**
Generally, applicants will qualify for consideration for upper-division transfer admission if they meet all of the following requirements:

1. Cumulative grade point average of at least 2.0 in all transferable units attempted;
2. In good standing at the last college or university attended; and
3. Completed at least 60 transferable semester (90 quarter) units of college-level coursework with a grade point average of 2.0 or higher and a grade C- or better in each course used to meet the CSU general education requirements in written communication, oral communication, critical thinking, and quantitative reasoning, e.g. mathematics. A grade of CR or P will be honored for coursework completed during the winter, spring, summer, or fall 2020 and during winter, spring, or summer 2021.

The 60 units must include at least 30 units of courses that meet CSU general education requirement, including all of the general education requirements in communication in the English language (both oral and written) and critical thinking and the requirement in mathematics/quantitative reasoning (usually 3 semester units) OR the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) requirements in English communication and mathematical concepts and quantitative reasoning.

**Associate Degrees for Transfer (AA-T or AS-T)**
The Associate in Arts for Transfer (AA-T) and the Associate in Science for Transfer (AS-T) degrees offered at the California Community Colleges (CCC) are designed to provide a California community college student the optimum transfer preparation and a clear admission pathway to the CSU degree majors.

CCC students who earn an Associate Degree for Transfer (AA-T or AS-T) are guaranteed admission with junior standing to a CSU and given priority admission consideration over other transfer applicants when applying to a local CSU or non-impacted CSU program. AA-T or AS-T admission applicants are given limited priority consideration based on their eligibility ranking to an impacted university/program or to CSUs/plans that have been deemed similar to the degree completed at the community college. Students who have completed an AA-T/AS-T in a program deemed similar to a CSU major are able to complete remaining requirements for graduation within 60 semester (90 quarter) units. It is the responsibility of the student who has earned an AA-T/AS-T to provide documentation of the degree to the CSU. For the admissions process, students are responsible for working with their community college counselors to complete verification of AA-T or AS-T degree progress through the e-verify process within the established university deadlines.

Because several CSU universities are receiving more transfer applications from eligible students than can be accommodated, these CSUs have declared impaction (https://www.calstate.edu/attend/impaction-at-the-csu/) resulting in higher admission criteria.

Students who earn associate degrees for transfer and apply to a CSU university but cannot be admitted due to impaction will be redirected to another CSU university and offered admission for the same term. In order to qualify for the priority admission guarantee, transfer applicants must be conferred an approved Associate Degree for Transfer (AA-T/AS-T) by a California Community College, must apply for admission to the California State University for an open term by the published deadline, submit all requested transcripts and documents, meet CSU admission eligibility requirements for the university and/or program, and must comply with any other prescribed admission requirements. It is the responsibility of these transfer students to provide documentation about the completion of the degree to each CSU university that has received an application for admission.

**Provisional Admission**
Chico State may provisionally or conditionally admit transfer applicants based on their academic preparation and courses planned for completion. The university will monitor the final terms to ensure that those admitted complete all required courses satisfactorily. All accepted applicants are required to submit an official transcript of all college-level work completed. CSUs may rescind admission for any student who is found to be ineligible after the final transcript has been evaluated. In no case may such documents be received and validated by the university any later than a student’s registration for their second term of CSU enrollment.

**Second Bachelor’s Degree**
The minimum requirements for admission to graduate or postbaccalaureate studies at a CSU are in accordance with university regulations as well as Title 5, chapter 1, subchapter 3 of the California Code of Regulations (http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/fa/sf/title5regs.asp). Specifically, you will qualify for admission if you:
• Have completed a four-year college course of study and hold an acceptable baccalaureate;
• Are in good academic standing at the last college or university attended;
• Have attained a grade point average of at least 2.5 in an acceptable earned baccalaureate degree;
• Have attained a grade point average of at least 2.5 (A = 4.0) in the last 60 semester (90 quarter) units attempted.

Recording Arts and Liberal Studies are closed to students seeking second bachelor’s degrees.

International (Foreign) Student Admission Requirements
The CSU must assess the academic preparation of international students. For this purpose, “international students” include those who hold U.S. temporary visas as students, exchange visitors, or in other nonimmigrant classifications.

The CSU uses separate requirements and application filing dates in the admission of international students. Each university sets its own application filing periods for international students. At Chico State, the undergraduate application period for the fall semester is from October 1 to May 1. For the spring semester, the application period is from August 1 to September 30. Verification of English proficiency (see International Admissions (https://www.csuchico.edu/international/qualifications/english-proficiency.shtml) website) and academic performance are all important considerations for admission. Academic records from foreign institutions must be official. If transcripts are not in English, they must be accompanied by certified English translations. All supporting documents must be received by May 15 for fall admission and October 15 for spring admission.

Academic Requirements
Graduates of university-preparatory secondary/high school programs in foreign countries are required to have academic preparation and abilities sufficient to succeed in a demanding bachelor’s degree program.

A cumulative grade point average of B (3.0 on a 4.0 scale) with a C (2.0 on a 4.0 scale) in all mathematics courses or the equivalent earned in secondary school is required for first-time freshmen applicants.

Applicants with foreign college or university-level coursework are required to have a 2.40 on a 4.0 scale on all postsecondary coursework.

An international student may transfer to Chico State from a college or university within the U.S. with completion of at least 24 semester units, providing their cumulative grade point average is at least 2.0 and they have completed, with a grade of C or higher, the following General Education requirements: Oral Communication, Written Communication, and Mathematics.

Applicants who have previously completed a U.S. bachelor’s degree or equivalent are required to have a 2.50 on a 4.0 scale on postsecondary coursework for admission to a second bachelor’s program.

In general, impacted bachelor’s degree programs (https://www.calstate.edu/attend/impaction-at-the-csu/) are closed for admission for international applicants.

Conditional Admission
The university offers conditional admission through partnerships with various intensive English programs for students who meet all requirements for regular admission, with the exception of the English language proficiency requirement. To be considered for conditional admission, students must apply to both programs at least three months prior to the beginning of the English program session they wish to attend.

English Language Proficiency Requirement
See detailed information on the International Admissions (https://www.csuchico.edu/international/qualifications/english-proficiency.shtml) website.

Financial Support Requirement
Evidence of sufficient financial support to complete the degree program is required for admission. The current required amount (https://www.csuchico.edu/international/cost/index.shtml) can be obtained from International Admissions. These figures are subject to change.

Other Examinations
SAT or ACT is not required for admission. Results may qualify you for exemptions from certain placement tests once you arrive in Chico. See Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning and Writing Requirements (https://catalog.csuchico.edu/undergraduate-requirements/mathematicsquantitative-reasoning-writing-requirements/).

Required Health Insurance
All admitted international students on F-1 and J-1 visas must obtain and maintain health insurance as a condition of registration and continued enrollment in the California State University. Details about minimum coverage requirements are available from International Student and Scholar Services (https://www.csuchico.edu/issss/student-success/insurance-health-immunizations.shtml)/.

The International Baccalaureate
Chico State recognizes the International Baccalaureate as a strong college preparatory program (the International Baccalaureate North America/IBNA is one example of an IB program). Applicants currently enrolled in a full IB diploma program will be considered to have met the full IB diploma program requirements for admission. Students completing less than the full IB diploma program must meet subject requirements as described in “Subject Requirements for First-time Freshman Applicants.” Additional factors to be considered in reaching our admission decision will be the high school GPA and supplemental factors. Additional honors points will be awarded in GPA calculations for achievement in up to eight IB courses taken in grades 11 and 12 and indicated on the high school transcript.

CSU will award honors points in the GPA calculation for eight semester courses taken in the 11th or 12th grades, including up to two International Baccalaureate (IB) or Advanced Placement (AP) courses with 11th or 12th grade content taken by a student in the 10th grade. Applicants who plan to enroll at Chico State should submit a copy of the official IB transcript and diploma when it is available in July. Up to six semester units of advanced standing credit will be awarded for each Higher Level examination passed with a score of 4, 5, 6, or 7. No credit will be awarded for Subsidiary Level passes.

Other Applicants
High School Students
High school students may be considered for enrollment in certain special programs if recommended by the principal and the appropriate
Consideration under this provision, follow regular application procedures, the University's regular admission requirements. If you wish to request resident, you may possibly be granted admission even if you do not meet Veterans mail (For additional information about the forms. Next, the applicant must submit the separate online EOP application, application through To apply for admission through EOP, applicants must first submit the CSU nonresident tuition exemption. EOP criteria may also apply. To be eligible for EOP admission, you must academically eligible for regular admission to the University and meet demonstrated the potential for academic success. Students who are academically underprepared, or lacking the subject requirements, grades, or test scores normally required for college attendance, but who have demonstrated the potential for academic success. Students who are academically eligible for regular admission to the University and meet EOP criteria may also apply. To be eligible for EOP admission, you must be an undergraduate and a California resident or qualify for an AB 540 nonresident tuition exemption.

To apply for admission through EOP applicants must first submit the CSU application through Cal State Apply (https://www.calstate.edu/apply/). Next, the applicant must submit the separate online EOP application, which includes the EOP applicant information form, and recommendation forms.

For additional information about the Educational Opportunity Program (https://www.csuchico.edu/eop/), please call 530-898-6831 or e-mail eopadm@csuchico.edu.

**Educational Opportunity Program**

The Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) provides assistance for first-generation college students who are historically low-income, academically underprepared, or lacking the subject requirements, grades, or test scores normally required for college attendance, but who have demonstrated the potential for academic success. Students who are academically eligible for regular admission to the University and meet EOP criteria may also apply. To be eligible for EOP admission, you must be an undergraduate and a California resident or qualify for an AB 540 nonresident tuition exemption.

**Veterans**

If you are a veteran of the United States military service and a California resident, you may possibly be granted admission even if you do not meet the University’s regular admission requirements. If you wish to request consideration under this provision, follow regular application procedures, and send a letter of appeal to the Office of Admissions. More information for veterans is available through Veteran Education Transition Services (https://www.csuchico.edu/vets/).

**Applicants Not Regularly Eligible**

Applicants not admissible under the guidelines of one of the above provisions may enroll in extension courses, at a community college, or at another appropriate institution to meet eligibility requirements. Denied applicants may choose to petition for special admission consideration. Only under the most unusual circumstances and only by special action will such applicants be admitted to Chico State.

**Auditing Classes**

Auditors regularly attend classes. However, they do not actively participate by preparing outside assignments or by taking examinations; nor do they receive academic credit for participation in classes. If you want to audit a class for information only, you must submit the regular admission application but without payment of the application fee.

Enrollment as an auditor is subject to the permission of the instructor and permitted only after students otherwise eligible to enroll in the course on a credit basis have had an opportunity to do so. Auditors are subject to the same fee structure as credit students.

**Applying to the University**

**Undergraduate Application Procedures**

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You must file your application for admission to an impacted program during the initial filing period. If you wish to be considered in impacted programs at two or more CSUs, you must file an application to each.

Applicants from the Chico State service area will receive priority for admission if enrollment space becomes limited.

**Returning Students**

If you are a returning student seeking admission after an absence of more than one semester, you must file an application for admission and a $70 fee to reactivate your student record. If you have been absent from the University on an approved Leave of Absence (LOA), you are not required to file an application for readmission or pay the $70 fee. For further information on educational leaves, see “Leave of Absence” in the Academic Policies and Regulations (https://catalog.csuchico.edu/academic-standards-policies/academic-policies-regulations/#text) section. If you are not on an LOA, please visit the Office of Admissions website (https://www.csuchico.edu/admissions/index.shtml/) for further information.

Please note that if you were disqualified from Chico State, you must

1. **Apply for readmission to the University through Cal State Apply** (https://www.calstate.edu/apply/), and
2. **Formally appeal for reinstatement** (https://www.csuchico.edu/aap/ap-dq-reinstate/reinstatement.shtml/) to the University. You must be reinstated before your application for admission will be processed.

**Intrasystem and Intersystem Enrollment Programs**

Fully matriculated students enrolled at any CSU may access to courses at other CSUs on a space-available basis unless those programs are impacted. This access is offered without students being required to be formally admitted to the host university and in most cases without paying additional fees. Students should consult their home university academic advisors to determine how such courses may apply to their specific degree programs before enrolling at the host university.

There are two programs for enrollment within the CSU and one for enrollment between CSU and the University of California or California Community Colleges. Additional information about these programs is available from the Office of Admissions (https://www.csuchico.edu/admissions/), 530-898-6321.

**CSU Fully Online Courses.** Matriculated students in good standing may request enrollment in one course per term, offered by a CSU host university. Enrollment requests will be granted based on available space, as well as completion of any stated prerequisites. Credit earned at the host university is electronically reported to the student’s home university to be included on the student’s transcript at the home university.

**CSU Visitor Enrollment.** Matriculated students in good standing enrolled at one CSU may enroll at another CSU for one term. Credit earned at the host university is reported at the student’s request to the home university to be included on the student’s transcript at the home university.

**Intersystem Cross Enrollment.** Matriculated CSU, UC, or community college students may enroll on a “space available” basis for one course per term at another CSU, UC, or community college and request that a transcript of record be sent to the home university.

**International Student Application Procedures (Undergraduate)**

Information regarding international student admission is available from International Admissions (https://www.csuchico.edu/international/).

If you are an international student, a special international application is online at Cal State Apply (http://www.calstate.edu/apply/). Students are strongly encouraged to submit applications by these deadlines:

- Fall semesters—April 1
- Spring semesters—September 30

Late applications are considered on a case-by-case basis. Please contact the International Admissions office to discuss submission of a late application at 530-898-5415 or apply@csuchico.edu.

**Use of Social Security Number**

Applicants are required to include their correct Social Security numbers in designated places on applications for admission pursuant to the authority contained in Section 41201, Title 5, California Code of Regulations, and Section 6109 of the Internal Revenue Code (26 U.S.C. 6109).

The university uses the Social Security number to identify students and their records including identification for purposes of financial aid eligibility and disbursement and the repayment of financial aid and other debts payable to the institution. Also, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) requires the university to file information returns that include the student’s Social Security number and other information such as the amount paid for qualified tuition, related expenses, and interest on educational loans. This information is used by the IRS to help determine whether a student, or a person claiming a student as a dependent, may take a credit or deduction to reduce federal income taxes. The Financial Aid and Scholarships Office will also use it to report Federal Work-Study earnings to the Federal Department of Education.

Note: According to state law, the University will make separate provisions to the Social Security number requirement for any student who meets the AB 540 eligibility requirements.

**Steps in the Application Process**

1. **Initial (Priority) Filing Periods**

Due to the high demand for admission to Chico State, first-time freshman and transfer applicants must apply during the initial filing period. All other applicants are strongly encouraged to do the same. All applications received electronically or postmarked during the initial filing period will be given equal consideration within established enrollment categories and quotas. If applying after the initial filing period, consult with the university admissions office for current information. Similar information is available at Cal State Apply (https://www.calstate.edu/apply/).

**Semester’s Initial Filing Period**

- Fall: October 1 – November 30
- Spring: August 1 – 31

Each non-impacted CSU accepts applications until capacities are reached. Many CSUs limit undergraduate admission in an enrollment category due to overall enrollment limits. If applying after the initial filing period, consult the university admissions office for current information and application filing procedures. Similar information is available at Cal State Apply (https://www.calstate.edu/apply/).
2. Application Acknowledgment
Applicants may expect to receive an acknowledgment from Chico State within one week of filing the application. The notice may also include a request that applicants submit additional records necessary to evaluate academic qualifications. Applicants may be assured of admission if the evaluation of relevant qualifications indicates that applicants meet CSU admission requirements, and in the case of admission impaction, supplemental criteria for admission to an impacted program. Unless specific written approval/confirmation is received, an offer of admission is not transferable to another term or to another CSU.

3. Transcripts and Test Scores
For specific information visit the Office of Admissions (https://www.csuchico.edu/admissions/) website or contact the office at 530-898-6322.

4. Notification of Admission
Many students are conditionally admitted based on their self-reported application information. It is crucial to submit requested documents in accordance with established deadlines to ensure verification of eligibility and to contact the Office of Admissions if anything reported on the application changes such as changes to work in progress or to future planned courses. Other applicants may be required to submit official documents before an admission decision can be made and risk having their application being withdrawn if these documents are not received by the communicated deadlines.

Information about advising, orientation, and registration procedures will be sent to you. Late applicants may miss some of the options open to those who file in a timely manner.

Chico State may conditionally admit first-time freshman applicants based on their academic preparation through the junior year of high school and that which is planned for the senior year. The university will verify the senior year of study to ensure that those so admitted complete their studies satisfactorily, including the required college preparatory subjects, and graduate from high school.

Chico State may conditionally admit upper-division transfer applicants based on their academic preparation at other regionally accredited institutions and that which is planned for the semester prior to their attendance at Chico State. The university will verify all college coursework completed to ensure that those so admitted complete their studies satisfactorily and meet admission requirements.

Appeal of Admission Decision
Section 89030.7 of the California Education Code requires that the CSU establishes specific requirements for appeal procedures for a denial of admission. Each CSU must publish appeal procedures for applicants denied admission to the university. The procedure is limited to addressing university decisions to deny an applicant admission to the university.

Admission appeal procedures must address the basis for appeals, provide 15 business days for an applicant to submit an appeal, stipulate a maximum of one appeal per academic term, provide specific contact information for the individual or office to which the appeal should be submitted and indicate a time estimate for when the university expects to respond to an appeal. The appeal procedures must be included in all denial of admission notifications to students and must also be published on the university website.

Chico State Admission Denial Appeal Policy
If you were denied admission, consideration for denial appeals is based on new, serious, and compelling information. You have 15 business days from the date you receive your denial letter in the mail to submit a hard copy letter of appeal to the Appeal Committee. The committee must see a demonstrated need to repeal the denial decision based on the new information being submitted. To submit an appeal, download the Appeal Coversheet (https://www.csuchico.edu/admissions/_assets/documents/admissions_appeal_coversheet.pdf) and complete as directed. You are entitled to one appeal per academic term.

Hardship Petitions
The university has established procedures for consideration of qualified applicants who would be faced with extreme hardship if not admitted. Petitioners should write to the university Admission Office regarding specific policies governing hardship admission.

Reservation
The university reserves the right to select its students and deny admission to the university or any of its programs as the university, in its sole discretion, determines appropriate based on an applicant's suitability and the best interests of the university.

After Admission
Transfer Credit Evaluation
Once you have been admitted to the university and submitted your Intent to Enroll, an admission transfer advisor will analyze and report your advanced placement course credit, transfer, and other credit for which you may be eligible. Please note that you may not be correctly classified as to the proper class level until all transcripts have been received and properly evaluated.

Once you enroll, the Office of the Registrar will establish a permanent student record for you. This permanent record will eventually include your official transcript of all courses taken at Chico State and their associated grades. Your student record may also include a recording of additional credit for which you may be eligible by virtue of specific tests, examinations, and a summary record of all transfer credit from previous colleges or universities you may have attended, as well as an evaluation of how those credits may apply to academic program requirements at Chico State. See Academic Advising Programs (https://www.csuchico.edu/aap/) for information regarding transfer credit evaluation and Student Records and Registration (https://catalog.csuchico.edu/academic-standards-policies/student-records-registration/) for additional discussion of records and registration processes and procedures.

New Student Advising and Orientation
Before the beginning of each semester, Orientation and New Student Programs (https://www.csuchico.edu/orientation/) coordinates new student orientation and advising sessions that provide the most comprehensive advising assistance Chico State offers to new students.

Placement Measures for First-Year GE Written Communication and Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning Courses
Freshman skills assessment and placement for general education written communication and mathematics/quantitative reasoning shall be based on system-wide skills assessment standards that include the Early Assessment Program/Smarter Balanced Achievement Levels, ACT
scores, and/or SAT scores, high school coursework, high school GPA, and math GPA. Skills assessments are not a condition for admission to the CSU; they are a condition of enrollment. These skills assessments are designed to inform entering freshmen of placement in appropriate baccalaureate-level courses based on their skills and needs.

First-time freshmen in need of support as determined by the skills assessment will be placed in supported instruction. Supported instruction is designed to assist students in credit-bearing courses.

Assessment and Placement Measures for GE Written Communications

Has Fulfilled the GE Subarea A2 English Requirement
The student has met the requirement via completion of one of the following:

- Advanced Placement (AP) Test
  - 3 or above: AP Language and Composition
  - 3 or above: AP Composition and Literature

- College Transfer Coursework
  - Completed approved college course that satisfies CSU GE Area A2 (written communication) with a grade of C- or better

Placement in a GE Subarea A2 English Course
The student has met the examination standards and/or multiple measures-informed standards via one of the criteria below:

- English CAASPP/EAP Test:
  - Standard Exceeded
  - Standard Met and completed 12th grade approved year-long English course (CSU ERWC, AP, Weighted Honors English) with grade of C- or higher

- SAT English Test:
  - 550 or above
  - 510-540 and completed 12th grade approved year-long English course (CSU ERWC, AP, Weighted Honors English) with grade of C- or higher

- ACT English Test:
  - 22 or higher
  - 19-21 and completed 12th grade approved year-long English course (CSU ERWC, AP, Weighted Honors English) with grade of C- or higher

- High School Courses and GPA:
  - Weighted GPA 3.3 or above
  - GPA 3.0 or above and completed 12th grade approved year-long English course (CSU ERWC, AP, Weighted Honors English) with grade of C- or higher
  - GPA 3.0 or above and completed Honors English course
  - GPA 3.0 or above and 5 or more years of high school English

Placement in a Supported GE Subarea A2 English Course
The student has met the examination standards and/or multiple measures-informed standards via one of the criteria below:

- SAT English Test:
  - 510-540 and 4 or more years of high school English

- ACT Test:
  - 19-21 and 4 or more years of high school English

- High School Courses and GPA:
  - Weighted GPA 3.0 or above and 4 or more years of high school English

International Student English Placement Policy—International Non-native Speaker
All foreign non-native speakers of English must follow an ESL-designated track for completion of GE Area A2, unless they meet the domestic student SAT/ACT benchmark for being GE Ready.

Students without a qualifying English proficiency exam score or SAT/ACT score are placed in the English stretch course, EFLN 170. Following completion of EFLN 170, these students are placed in ENGL 130EW with a co-requisite ESL support course, ENGL 131E.

Students who receive a TOEFL/IELTS waiver at the time of application due to completion of 3 or more years of secondary education in an English-speaking country (list available on International Admissions website) are placed in the ESL track of GE Area A2, ENGL 130EW, with the ENGL 131 Writing Workshop support course. If these students meet a domestic benchmark for GE Ready, such as SAT/ACT, they are given the option to select ENGL 130EW or ENGL 130W.

International students with a GE Ready qualifying TOEFL/IELTS score are given the option to enroll in the ESL support course if desired. International students with a qualifying SAT/ACT score that meets the domestic student benchmark for GE Ready, such as SAT/ACT, are given the option to select the non-native or native speaker versions of Academic Writing, ENGL 130EW or ENGL 130W, or JOUR 130W.

- Intensive English Program (ALCI or equivalent):
  - EFLN 170 then
  - ENGL 130EW and ENGL 131E

- TOEFL 61-84 or IELTS 6.0:
  - EFLN 170 then
  - ENGL 130EW and ENGL 131E

- TOEFL/IELTS Waiver:
  - ENGL 130EW and ENGL 131E

- TOEFL 85+ or IELTS 6.5+:
  - ENGL 130EW and ENGL 131E or
  - ENGL 130EW

- SAT 550+ or ACT 22+:
  - ENGL 130EW or
  - JOUR 130W

International Student English Placement Policy—International Native Speaker
All foreign native speakers of English without a qualifying SAT/ACT score will be advised to take the Directed Self Placement to determine whether the English support course (ENGL 131) is needed. Like domestic native speakers, all students with a qualifying SAT/ACT score will be categorized as GE Ready and placed in ENGL 130W or JOUR 130W.

- No Measure:
  - Directed Self Placement, then
  - ENGL 130W and ENGL 131 or
  - ENGL 130W

Placement in a Supported GE Subarea B4 Math/Quantitative Reasoning Requirement
Based on multiple measures evaluation, student needs additional academic support.

Has Fulfilled the GE Subarea B4 Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning Requirement

The student has met the requirement via completion of one of the following:

- Advanced Placement (AP) Test
  - 3 or above: AP Calculus AB
  - 3 or above: AP Calculus BC
  - 3 or above: AP Statistics
  - 3 or above: AP Computer Science Principles
- International Baccalaureate (IB) Test
  - 4 or above on Math Higher Level (HL)
- College Level Examination Program (CLEP):
  - 50 or above on: Calculus, College Algebra, College Algebra-Trigonometry, Pre-Calculus, or Trigonometry
- College Transfer Coursework
  - Completed approved college course that satisfies CSU GE Area B4 (mathematics/quantitative reasoning) with a grade of C- or higher

Placement in a GE Subarea B4 Math/Quantitative Reasoning Requirement

The student has met the examination standards and/or multiple measures-informed standards via one of the criteria below:

- CAASPP/EAP Math Exam:
  - Standard Exceeded
  - Standard Met and completed 12th grade approved year-long math course beyond Algebra 2 with C- or higher
  - Standard Met and 4 or more years of high school math or quantitative reasoning
- SAT Math Test:
  - 570 or above
  - 550 or above on Subject Test in Math Level 1 or 2
  - 520-560 and completed 12th grade approved year-long math course beyond Algebra 2 with C- or higher
- ACT Math Test:
  - 23 or higher
  - 20-22 and completed 12th grade approved year-long math course beyond Algebra 2 with C- or higher
- High School Courses and GPA:
  - Weighted math GPA 3.0 or above and completed 12th grade approved year-long math course beyond Algebra 2 with C- or higher
  - Weighted math GPA 3.0 or above and 5 or more years of high school math or quantitative reasoning
  - Weighted high school GPA 3.7 or above
  - Weighted high school GPA 3.5 or above and 4 or more years of high school math or quantitative reasoning

Placement in a Supported GE Subarea B4 Math/Quantitative Reasoning Requirement

The student has met the examination standards and/or multiple measures-informed standards via one of the criteria below:

- High School Courses and GPA:
  - Weighted math GPA 3.3 or above
  - Weighted high school GPA 3.0 or above

Assessments and Placement Measures for GE Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning: Pre-STEM/STEM and Other Math-Intensive Majors

Has Fulfilled the GE Subarea B4 Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning Requirement

The student has met the requirement via completion of one of the following:

- Advanced Placement (AP) Test
  - 3 or above: AP Calculus AB
  - 3 or above: AP Calculus BC
  - 3 or above: AP Statistics
  - 3 or above: AP Computer Science Principles
- International Baccalaureate (IB) Test
  - 4 or above on Math Higher Level (HL)
- College Level Examination Program (CLEP):
  - 50 or above on: Calculus, College Algebra, College Algebra-Trigonometry, Pre-Calculus, or Trigonometry
- College Transfer Coursework
  - Completed approved college course that satisfies CSU GE Area B4 (mathematics/quantitative reasoning) with a grade of C- or higher

Placement in a GE Subarea B4 Math/Quantitative Reasoning Requirement

The student has met the examination standards and/or multiple measures-informed standards via one of the criteria below:

- CAASPP/EAP Math Exam:
  - Standard Exceeded
  - Standard Met and completed 12th grade approved year-long math course beyond Algebra 2 with C- or higher
- SAT Math Test:
  - 570 or above
  - 550 or above on Subject Test in Math Level 1 or 2
  - 520-560 and completed 12th grade approved year-long math course beyond Algebra 2 with C- or higher
- ACT Math Test:
  - 23 or higher
  - 20-22 and completed 12th grade approved year-long math course beyond Algebra 2 with C- or higher
- High School Courses and GPA:
  - Weighted math GPA 3.5 or above and completed 12th grade approved year-long math course beyond Algebra 2 with C- or higher
  - Weighted math GPA 3.5 or above and 5 or more years of high school math or quantitative reasoning
  - Weighted high school GPA 3.7 or above

Placement in a GE Subarea B4 Math/Quantitative Reasoning with Support

The student has met the examination standards and/or multiple measures-informed standards via one of the criteria below:

- High School Math GPA:
  - Weighted math GPA 3.3 or above

CSU Immunizations Requirements

Entering CSU students are required to present proof of the following immunizations to the CSU they will be attending before the beginning of their first term of enrollment.

To avoid a hold being placed on your registration that may result in delays or denial of access to registration, you must secure proof of immunity.
Recommended Vaccines to Reduce Outbreaks

1. Influenza Vaccine
2. Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) Vaccine
3. Meningococcal Conjugate (Serogroups A, C, Y, W-135) Vaccine
4. Serogroup B Meningococcal Vaccine
5. Tetanus-Diphtheria-Pertussis (Tdap) Vaccine
6. Varicella (Chickenpox) Vaccine

Other Vaccines Recommended for Adults

1. Hepatitis A (Hep A) Vaccine
2. Hepatitis B (Hep B) Vaccine – Ages 19 and older
3. Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Vaccine
4. Pneumococcal Vaccine
5. Polio Vaccine

Access and Academic Development Programs

One of the goals at Chico State is to assist students from educationally or economically disadvantaged backgrounds to increase their access to Chico State and support their academic success and retention while they are here. The following programs provide a variety of services and assistance in pursuit of these goals.

The Educational Opportunity Program

Student Services Center 310
530-898-4028
eopadm@csuchico.edu
Associate Director: Victoria Bass

The Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) (https://www.csuchico.edu/eop/) assists first-generation college students who are historically low-income, academically underprepared, or lacking the subject requirements, grades, or test scores normally required for college attendance, but who have demonstrated the potential for academic success. Students who are academically eligible for regular admission to the University and meet EOP criteria may also apply. To be eligible for EOP admission, you must be an undergraduate and a California resident or qualify for an AB 540 nonresident tuition exemption.

To apply for admission through EOP, applicants must first submit the CSU application through Cal State Apply (http://www.calstate.edu/apply/). Next, the applicant must submit the separate online EOP application, which includes the EOP applicant information form and recommendation forms.
Educational Talent Search
Student Services Center 470
530-898-4429
Director: Diana Parra-Villaseñor

Educational Talent Search (ETS) (http://www.csuchico.edu/etsed/) is a federal TRiO Program that motivates and prepares low-income, first-generation college students for success in postsecondary education. ETS serves 1,300 students in grades 6-12 that attend 23 target schools. ETS provides students with the confidence and skills needed for success in postsecondary education. ETS offers workshops and activities, including college exploration, career/major exploration, university visits, leadership conferences, summer programs, study skills, goal-setting, ACT/SAT prep, help to complete college applications, financial aid, and scholarships.

High School Scholars
Student Services Center 130
530-898-6322
swood16@csuchico.edu
Coordinator: Sarah Wood

Chico State cooperates with high schools within its Northern California service area to provide the High School Scholars (https://www.csuchico.edu/admissions/resources/pre-college-students.shtml/) registration fee waiver program for promising high school students to enrich their junior or senior year by enrolling concurrently in one or two designated university courses. The goal is to provide these high school students with an understanding of the expectations and opportunities provided by a college education. To participate, students must have earned a grade B or higher in their high school college preparatory coursework. A special application form is required and may be obtained in the Office of Admissions. Approval to take courses is granted on a semester-by-semester basis and does not constitute the right to continued enrollment.

MESA Engineering Program-MEP
O'Connell Technology Center 114
530-898-4017
mep@csuchico.edu
Director: Lupe Jimenez

The MESA Engineering Program (http://www.csuchico.edu/mesa/) is a comprehensive recruitment, retention, and graduation program that assists educationally and economically disadvantaged students in pursuit of degrees in the engineering computer science and other technical disciplines under the College of Engineering, Computer Science and Construction Management. Professional development workshops, tutoring, financial assistance, and academic advising are just some of the services offered.

MESA Schools Program-MSP
Student Services Center 470
530-898-4429
msp@csuchico.edu
Director: Diana Parra-Villaseñor

The MESA Schools Program (MSP) is an academic enrichment initiative that partners with local area junior and senior high schools to inspire and prepare economically and educationally disadvantaged students for achievement in higher education in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) fields of study. The MSP model includes project-based math/science learning, academic planning skill development, career and college exploration, parent empowerment, and teacher professional development.

Student Support Services
Student Services Center 310
530-898-6831
sss@csuchico.edu
Project Director: Katherine Razo-Gomez

Student Support Services (SSS) (https://www.csuchico.edu/trio-sss/index.shtml/) is committed to helping low-income, first-generation college students and students with disabilities achieve a bachelor's degree. SSS provides services such as academic and personal counseling, financial literacy, study skills assistance, and cultural activities. Career planning and graduate school advising are also offered to participants. Funded by the U.S. Department of Education, the goal of SSS is to increase the college retention and graduation rates of its participants and to encourage them to pursue an advanced degree. Students who are not eligible to apply through EOP (residents of states other than California) may be eligible to apply to SSS.

Upward Bound
Student Services Center 392
530-898-5181
hnavarro1@csuchico.edu
Director: Maria Moreno

The Upward Bound Project (https://www.csuchico.edu/upwardbound/) prepares low-income and first-generation high school students for success in postsecondary education. Participants take part in a six-week summer residential program at Chico State that includes college preparation courses, workshops, enrichment, and extracurricular activities. The summer program provides participants with an intensive growth experience through opportunity. This type of commitment continues throughout the academic year when the participants receive individualized tutoring. The academic and summer components work together to prepare participants for a college education and a promising future.