

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, LONG BEACH
Department of Family and Consumer Sciences

Frequently Asked Questions: Graduate Studies

- **How can I find out if I've met all the requirements for admission?**
First you review the admission requirements at the website:
<http://www.csulb.edu/fcs/programs/graduate/MADegree.htm> for the M.A. program and <http://www.csulb.edu/fcs/programs/graduate/MSDegree.htm> for the M.S. program. If you have further questions about the application process you can contact the Graduate Assistant at (562) 985-5176 or stop by FCS 007A during office hours (which can be found on the website): <http://www.csulb.edu/fcs/people/GraduateAssistants.htm>). If you have questions about the application process during the summer break (July-August) please contact Enrollment Services at (562) 985-5471 or go to the website: <http://www.csulb.edu/depts/enrollment/>
- **Where do I start if I am an international student?**
International Students must go through the Center for International Education before they can be admitted to the University. Information can be found on their website:
http://www.csulb.edu/divisions/aa/grad_undergrad/cie/international_admissions/index.html
- **Whom should I contact about prerequisite deficiencies and career opportunities?**
Contact the Graduate Advisor for the area to which you are applying.
Graduate Advisors for the M.A. Program:
Consumer Affairs: Dr. Wendy Reiboldt (reiboldt@csulb.edu) (562)985-8250
Fashion Merchandising and Design: Dr. Mariné Aghekyan (maghekya@csulb.edu) (562)985-7491
Family and Consumer Sciences Education: Dr. Margaret Lichty (mlichty@csulb.edu) (562)985-7492
Hospitality Foodservice and Hotel Management: Dr. Lee Blecher (blecher@csulb.edu) (562)985-4493
Graduate Advisors for the M.S., Nutritional Science:
Last Name A-H: Dr. Gail Frank, MPH, RD, CHES (gcfrank@csulb.edu) (562)985-4494
Last Name I-P: Dr. Judith Anglin (janglin@csulb.edu) (562)985-7494
Last Name Q-Z: Dr. Jacqueline Lee (jjlee@csulb.edu) (562)985-4545
Graduate Advisor for the M.S., Gerontology:
Dr. Barbara White (bwhite@csulb.edu) (562)985-1582
(http://www.csulb.edu/colleges/chhs/departments/fcs/programs/graduate/Gerontology_MS.htm)

When meeting with the advisor bring a copy of all available transcripts, both undergraduate and graduate, to assist them with advisement.

During the summer break, please contact the Family and Consumer Sciences Department Office at (562) 985-4484, for faculty availability.

- **What grade point average is required for admission?**

A cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 and a GPA of 3.0 on the last 60 undergraduate units is required for admission to M.S degree program. A cumulative undergraduate GPA of 3.0 is required for admission to the M.A. degree programs.

- **Is the Graduate Record Exam (GRE) required for graduate students?**

For students applying for admission to the **M.S.** program, the GRE is required. Results should not be more than five years old. An official copy of the GRE results with a minimum score of 4.0 on the Analytical Writing section of the GRE is required. This also satisfies the Writing Proficiency Exam/Graduate Writing Assessment Requirement. Applicants to the M.S. Program need a combined minimum score of 900 on the verbal and quantitative sections of the GRE.

For students applying for admission to the **M.A.** program, the GRE is NOT required.

- **If my bachelor's degree was earned several years ago, do I have to repeat courses?**

If prerequisite courses are more than five years old, you will be expected to update the undergraduate prerequisite course before beginning graduate study. However, you may petition to waive some prerequisite courses by examination. Discuss specific courses with your area advisor.

- **Do I need a teaching credential as well as a master's degree in order to teach in California?**

No. Under the Senate Bill 2042 legislation, only a Single Subject Credential in FCS is required to teach at the junior and senior high school levels. This requires three semesters of professional education courses, and demonstration of subject matter knowledge in all areas of Family and Consumer Sciences by the California Subject Examination for Teachers (CSET), or by degree, or by taking deficient coursework. Completing a Master of Arts degree would enhance your knowledge and expertise as a secondary teacher and may also increase your salary level; however, graduate level courses will not count toward earning single subject credential.

Only a master's degree is required to teach at the community college and some 4-year institutions; however, already having a single subject credential

may enhance your chances for employment after you earn a master's degree because you would have valuable teaching experience. Only graduate level courses in Family and Consumer Sciences may be applied to the Master of Arts degree in Family and Consumer Sciences degree program; therefore, you should discuss your career goals with both the credential program coordinator and the Master of Arts faculty advisor. The Master of Science degree is highly specialized and may not be the recommended master's program for an individual who desires to teach only at the secondary level.

- **How many units may be transferred from a previous graduate program?**

Up to 1/3 of the total required units for your program may be transferred from another program; this amount of transfer units may be any combination of units, taken at another university, and CCPE at CSULB. The transferred units must come from appropriate graduate level courses. Courses will be disqualified after 7 years; so a student may only use courses that have been completed during the 7 years preceding graduation. This policy applies to courses taken at CSULB as well.

Students in the Family and Consumer Sciences Master's degree who have courses (including transfer courses) required for the degree that are more than 7 years old must revalidate these courses according to University policy in order to continue in the degree. The Faculty advisor and student will select from the following options for revalidation, based on the student's current academic performance for each graduate course in the student's program of study that is more than 7 years old:

1. The exact or equivalent course is retaken at CSULB with a minimum grade of B
2. An independent study course involving similar content and the same number of units is completed with minimum grade of B; or

- **How may I secure a *CSULB Catalog*?**

The current *CSULB Catalog* may be found online at:
<http://www.csulb.edu/divisions/aa/catalog/>

- **How can I find the *Schedule of Classes*?**

The current *CSULB Schedule of Classes* may be found online at:
http://www.csulb.edu/depts/enrollment/registration/class_schedule/
Check online for Summer and Winter offerings.

- **Where can I get an application form and how do I proceed with application to become enrolled in the program?**

The same application is used for all California State Universities, and one may be obtained from any campus by writing to the Admissions Office, California

State University Long Beach, Long Beach, CA 90840 or online at <http://csumentor.edu>

After completing the application, submit it with your official transcripts and GRE score (if applicable) to the University Office of Admissions and Records. You can also submit your application through <http://csumentor.edu>

In addition, a copy of your application to the University Admissions and Records, three letters of recommendation (preferably from previous instructors), and the official GRE score must be submitted to the Graduate Assistant in the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences:

California State University Long Beach
Department of Family and Consumer Sciences
ATTN: Graduate Assistant
1250 Bellflower Boulevard
Long Beach, CA 90840-0501

- **I already have a Bachelor's Degree, but I would like to apply to the Didactic Program in Dietetics (DPD). What is the procedure?**
Along with a transcript evaluation you will need to apply to the M.S. in Nutritional Science Graduate Program. Please see previous question for instructions on how to apply to the graduate school program. You will need to consult with the DPD Director, Dr. Judith Anglin (janglin@csulb.edu) for a transcript evaluation to determine which courses you will need to take. For transcript evaluation procedures please go online to: <http://www.csulb.edu/colleges/DidacticPrograminDietetics.htm>
Transcript evaluations can take 6-8 weeks due to processing.
- **I am interested in a Dietetic Internship at CSULB, how can I get more information?**
If you are interested in our Accredited Dietetic Internship, please see the current *CSULB Catalog* found online at: <http://www.csulb.edu/divisions/aa/catalog/>

and the website, <http://www.csulb.edu/dieteticinternship>

Review the entire menu: missions and goals, program description, admission criteria, deadline, estimated cost, facilities, and a day in the life of a Dietetic Intern. The CSULB Dietetic Internship participates in the ADA Dietetic Internship Centralized Application System, which can be found at: <https://portal.dicas.org/>