

FRESHMAN STUDENT INFORMATION

Do I need to respond to my admission offer?

Absolutely! You must notify us of your intent to enroll and pay a non-refundable enrollment deposit of \$150 by the deadline in order to reserve a space in the class. The deposit and intent must be received by **May 1, 2011** or by the date stated in the admission letter if admitted after April 1, 2011. The enrollment deposit may be waived for students receiving state or federal need-based grants or full financial assistance. The deposit will offset a portion of the students State University Fee. You can submit your intent to enroll:

Online: Follow the instructions on the back of the enclosed Admitted Student Reply form to activate your MyCSULB account. Once you have logged in, select Accept/Decline Admission. To accept online, you must either qualify for a waiver or pay the deposit via MasterCard, American Express or Discover, or via electronic check. **If you qualify for a deposit waiver, the online process will automatically notify you.**

By Mail: Complete the enclosed Admitted Student Reply form and attach a check or money order for \$150 payable to California State University, Long Beach. If you believe you qualify for a waiver, check the appropriate box on the form. You can also see if you qualify for a waiver by following the initial steps of the online Accept/Decline Admission at MyCSULB.

My admission letter shows a “provisional” admission status. What does that mean?

CSULB admits freshmen with the “provision” that all conditions for admission are met before you enroll. These conditions are:

- You must graduate from high school by the end of the spring 2011 semester.
- You must provide your final, official high school transcript (with date of graduation) to CSULB by July 15, 2011.
- You must satisfy all conditions of your admission offer. You must complete all courses in your senior year with a grade of “C” or higher, and you must complete all courses required to meet the CSU subject requirements.

Do I have to take placement tests?

- Check the information on the letter that accompanied this packet to see if you are required to take the English Placement Test (EPT) and/or the Entry Level Math (ELM) Test.
- If required, you should have received registration information for the test(s). If you have not received this information, please call the Testing, Evaluation and Assessment Office at 562/985-4007 to request it, or obtain the information at www.csulb.edu/testing.

Please note that taking the test(s) on or before May 1, 2011 is strongly encouraged and ensures that your scores will be available for placement at new student orientation (SOAR). You must test no later than the June 18, 2011 test date in order to enroll at CSULB for the fall 2011 semester.

- If your test results demonstrate that you are not ready for college-level classes in English and/or math, you will be required to take the appropriate prebaccalaureate classes in your first semester of enrollment. (You may complete these courses in the summer prior to the fall semester.)
- **Warning!** You will not be allowed to attend CSULB if you have not taken the required tests by June 18, 2011.
- If you plan to take Chemistry 111A (required for majors in the sciences and engineering) in your first semester, you must first take the Chemistry Placement Test.

How does my “residency” status affect me?

- Students who are not classified as California residents must meet higher admission standards and pay higher fees and tuition than California residents.
- If your residency status is “undetermined” or is incorrect, submit the Residency Questionnaire available at www.csulb.edu/depts/enrollment/forms/residence-questionnaire_ati.pdf or contact the CSULB Admissions Office at 562/985-5471.

Are there any other documents I need to submit to confirm my admission?

- Please look at the bottom of the letter that accompanied this packet. All documents that are needed for your file are listed on the letter. These documents must be submitted by July 15, 2011 for fall 2011 applicants.
- Remember that your final high school transcript must have your graduation date posted.

How do I apply for financial aid?

- File the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) between Jan. 1 and March 2, 2011 for first priority consideration. Applications received after March 2, 2011 will be processed as second priority files. All applicants will be considered for grants and loans. Separate applications are required when applying for scholarships.
- You may apply online at www.fafsa.ed.gov or you may pick up the form at any high school counseling office.

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- After you have submitted your financial aid application, you may call 562/985-2500 to check on the status of your application. Some applicants will be required to verify information they reported by submitting additional documents such as parent or student tax forms.
- For additional information, please visit the financial aid website at www.csulb.edu/depts.

Are freshmen required to live on-campus?

- Yes. Because of the proven educational and personal benefits associated with living in university housing, all first-time freshmen are required (as space is available) to live in university housing during their first year at CSULB unless they are over 21 years old or will be living at home with a parent or legal guardian during their entire freshman year. Exemptions will be considered based on identified criteria.
- CSULB offers a wide range of housing options, including traditional residence halls, suite-style residence halls, an International House, and a Residential Learning College with specific learning communities designed to support first-year success. Admitted students may begin to apply for the 2011-12 academic year on March 1, 2011. The priority deadline to apply and make the required initial payment is May 1, 2011.
- Apply for housing, take a virtual tour, and learn more about all that Housing and Residential Life has to offer on the Housing and Residential Life website at <http://housing.csulb.edu>.

How do I enroll in classes?

- Students will enroll as part of the Student Orientation, Advising and Registration (SOAR) program.
- Please review the SOAR information in this packet and refer to the SOAR mailer you will receive later this spring. Information is also available on the SOAR website at www.csulb.edu/soar.

Will an advisor help me choose classes when I register?

- Advising is mandatory for all first-time freshmen. You will receive advising at SOAR when you register for classes for the first time.

I applied for the Educational Opportunity Program. How can I find out more information about it?

- Applicants being considered for the Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) should contact EOP Admissions at 562/985-4288 or you can visit their website at www.csulb.edu/eop.

How do I receive university credit for Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate Exams?

- Freshman students who have completed Advanced Placement Exams or International Baccalaureate Exams should have the scores sent to the CSULB Admissions Office for possible awarding of college credit.

Are there campus services available to help me have a successful first year?

- Visit the Learning Assistance Center to learn about the best study practices or for help if you have difficulty with your classes and need assistance from tutors, etc.
- When registering for classes, check the online Schedule of Classes for Supplemental Instruction (SI) courses to help you with difficult classes. Supplemental Instruction courses will be explained at SOAR.

Where can I find information about clubs and organizations?

- Call the Student Life and Development Office at 562/985-4181 for a list of student clubs and organizations.
- Or, you can visit their website at www.csulb.edu/divisions/students2/sld.

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