



Admissions and Recruitment

Fall 2020 Admission Guidance Due to COVID-19 - Updated 4/16/20

Fresno State is making the following adjustments to its admissions policy in alignment with the guideline released on March 31, 2020 for students who experienced disruption to their spring 2020 coursework due to COVID-19.

High School Guidance – First-Time First-Year Students

1. The CSU will accept grades of "Credit" or "Pass" to satisfy "a-g" requirements completed during winter, spring or summer 2020 terms. All prior coursework must be graded and a grade of C- or better must be earned for the course to satisfy "a-g" requirements. Grades of credit/pass or no credit/non-passing will not be included in the calculation of high school GPA.

Fresno State's response:

Fresno State will accept grades as stated above and will exclude such grades from the high school GPA calculation.

2. CSU campuses will assess and initially place students in first-year English/Math based on multiple measures: high school and college courses completed, GPAs and test scores (SBAC, ACT, SAT) that students have submitted thus far.

Fresno State's response:

Fresno State will assess and place students according to what they have submitted thus far as stated above.

3. The CSU will not facilitate a systemwide Early Start Program in summer 2020; individual CSU campuses may offer summer transitional programs (e.g. Summer Bridge) in virtual formats.

Fresno State's response:

Fresno State will not facilitate the Early Start Program in summer 2020 as stated above.

4. The CSU requests that high schools that can provide transcripts by July 15, 2020, do so; however, campuses will continue to accept transcripts through the fall 2020 term. CSU campuses will not rescind conditional offers of admission based on the non-receipt of transcripts. If a student is not able to provide an official transcript, due to extended school closure, CSU campuses may use unofficial or self-reported data for senior year grades and graduation status.

Fresno State's response:

Fresno State will extend its transcript deadline from June 30 to July 15. Fresno State will also not rescind conditional admission offers based on non-receipt of transcripts. If a student is not able to provide official final transcripts due to school closure; Fresno State will utilize unofficial transcripts showing senior grades and graduation status until an official one can be obtained no later than the end of fall 2020. Fresno

State will accept a PDF unofficial transcript. A screenshot or image will not be accepted.

5. New first-year students will remain in a conditionally admitted status until the CSU campus receives a final transcript document and review of the transcript for a-g requirements is completed.

Fresno State's response:

Fresno State will keep conditionally admitted students as such until a final transcript has been received and a review has been performed to assure that a-g requirements was met.

6. If a student has not met all a-g requirements after review of their final transcript document, at that time, CSU campuses may use admission exceptions on a case-by-case basis if students are no longer CSU-eligible, based on the inability to complete all "a-g" courses in which they were enrolled in spring 2020.ii Consideration can include how well the student is doing academically in fall 2020. Students should in no way assume that enrollment in Fall 2020 CSU courses means that an exception will be automatically granted.

Fresno State's response:

On a case-by-case basis, Fresno State will make exceptions if students are no longer CSU-eligible due to their inability to complete all "a-g" courses in which they were enrolled in spring 2020. Such cases will be reviewed by the Admissions Office.

7. The College Board has announced changes to the AP exam content and format for spring 2020. [The CSU will honor all existing transferable credit articulation for spring 2020 AP exams on which scores of 3, 4, or 5 are earned.](#)

Fresno State's response:

Fresno State will honor all existing transferable credit articulation for spring 2020 AP exams on which students scored 3 or above as stated above.

8. CSU campuses are individually considering their extension of intent to enroll and/or housing deposit deadlines. Intent to enroll deadlines will consider the campus' capacity to provide timely information regarding financial aid awards to students and families. More information will be forthcoming.

Fresno State's response:

Fresno State has extended the intent to enroll and Dog Days registration deadline for fall 2020 from May 1 to June 1, 2020.