California State University Admissions for Freshmen
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We are 23 Strong

- Practical based hands on-learning
- Serving over 481,000 students across the state of California
- 91% freshmen acceptance rate
- More than 54% first in their family to earn a bachelor's degree
- 95% of undergraduates are from California

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CHICO
SACRAMENTO
SONOMA
MARITIME
SAN FRANCISCO
EAST BAY
STANISLAUS
SAN JOSÉ
FRESNO
MONTEREY BAY
SAN LUIS OBISPO
BAKERSFIELD
NORTHRIDGE
SAN BERNARDINO
CHANNEL ISLANDS
POMONA
LOS ANGELES
FULLERTON
DOMINGUEZ HILLS
LONG BEACH
SAN MARCOS
SAN DIEGO

What Can I Study at a CSU?

Animation/Illustration

Architecture

Aviation

Business

Cinema Television Arts/Film

Cybersecurity

Dairy Science

Education

Engineering (Various)

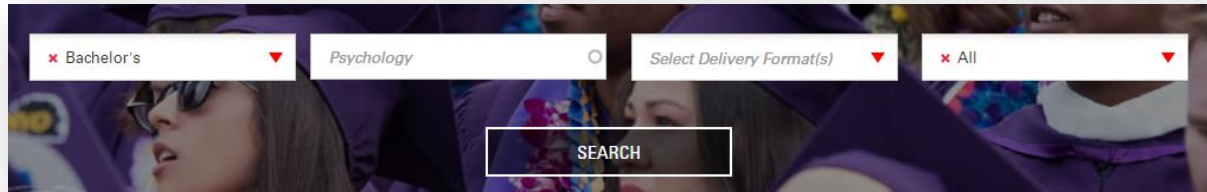E-Sports

Fire Protection Administration

Forensic Science

Global Intelligence and National Security

Hotel Restaurant Management

Interior Design

Kinesiology/Sports Management

Music Industry & Tech.

Nursing

Radio/Television Film

And thousands of others….

Find Your Program and Major

https://www.calstate.edu/apply/choosing-a-degree

- Search for your program by using keywords

- Once you find the right program, click on the "Get Started" link to begin your application

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| Bachelor's ▼ | Psychology | Select Delivery Format(s) ▼ | All ▼ |

SEARCH

CAMPUS ▲	DEGREE	UNITS REQUIRED	MAJOR (CONCENTRATION)	VIDEO	FORMAT	PROGRAM CODE	SOURCE	APPLY
Bakersfield	BA	120 sem	Psychology (Psychology - General)		Face-to-Face ⓘ	20011	Campus ⓘ	Get Started
Channel Islands	BA	120 sem	Psychology (Psychology - General)		Face-to-Face ⓘ	20011	Extension ⓘ	Get Started
Channel Islands	BA	120 sem	Psychology (Psychology - General)		Face-to-Face ⓘ	20011	Campus ⓘ	Get Started
Chico	BA	120 sem	Psychology (Psychology - General)		Face-to-Face ⓘ	20011	Campus ⓘ	Get Started

Freshmen Admission Requirements

Fall 2024 Freshmen Eligibility

- **Test FREE admissions**
- High school graduate or equivalent
- Complete the 15-unit "a-g" college preparatory courses
- Earn qualifying "a-g" grade point average (GPA)
  - CA Residents: 2.5 or greater
  - Between 2.0 and 2.49 may be evaluated based on supplemental factors

Area	Subject	Years
a.	History and Social Science	2
b.	English	4
c.	Mathematics	3
d.	Laboratory Science	2
e.	Language Other Than English	2
f.	Visual and Performing Arts	1
g.	College Preparatory Elective or an additional course from a-f	1
Total Required Courses		15

Multi-Factor Admission Score

Primary Factors

- GPA in all completed a-g courses (courses after 9th grade – 11th grade)

- GPA and courses taken in subjects relevant to selected major

- Number of academic courses beyond the minimum a-g requirements

Secondary Supplemental Factors

- Location of high school and educational opportunities available (free & reduced lunch, etc.)

- Student attributes: First generation, Low income, Foster youth, Military service

- Activities/Engagement outside of school: Extracurricular activities, Work/Volunteer experience, Leadership roles

Educational Programs & Work Experience

Educational Programs Participation

Have you participated in any of these programs in high school and beyond?

☆ AVID

○ Yes   ○ No

☆ Upward Bound

○ Yes   ○ No

☆ Talent Search or Educational Opportunity Center (EOC)

○ Yes   ○ No

☆ Puente Project

○ Yes   ○ No

☆ Independent Living Project (ILP)

○ Yes   ○ No

☆ MESA Project

○ Yes   ○ No

☆ Other (Gear-up, CAMP, Foster youth support programs, Student Support Services Programs (SSSP))

○ Yes   ○ No

Work Information

☆ What was the average number of hours worked per week over the most recent 12 months?

1 - 5 hours ▼

☆ Was more than 25% of your work hours related to your major of choice?

○ Yes   ● No

Extracurricular Programs Hours of Participation and Leadership

Extracurricular Programs and leadership participation includes activities such as arts, Asian American Club, Boy Scouts/Girl Scouts, Boy's Week/Girl's Week, cheerleading, drama/theater, inter-scholastic athletics, marching band, MEChA, Pride Club, science club, student government, yearbook, Young Democrats/Young Republicans and all other extracurricular activities.

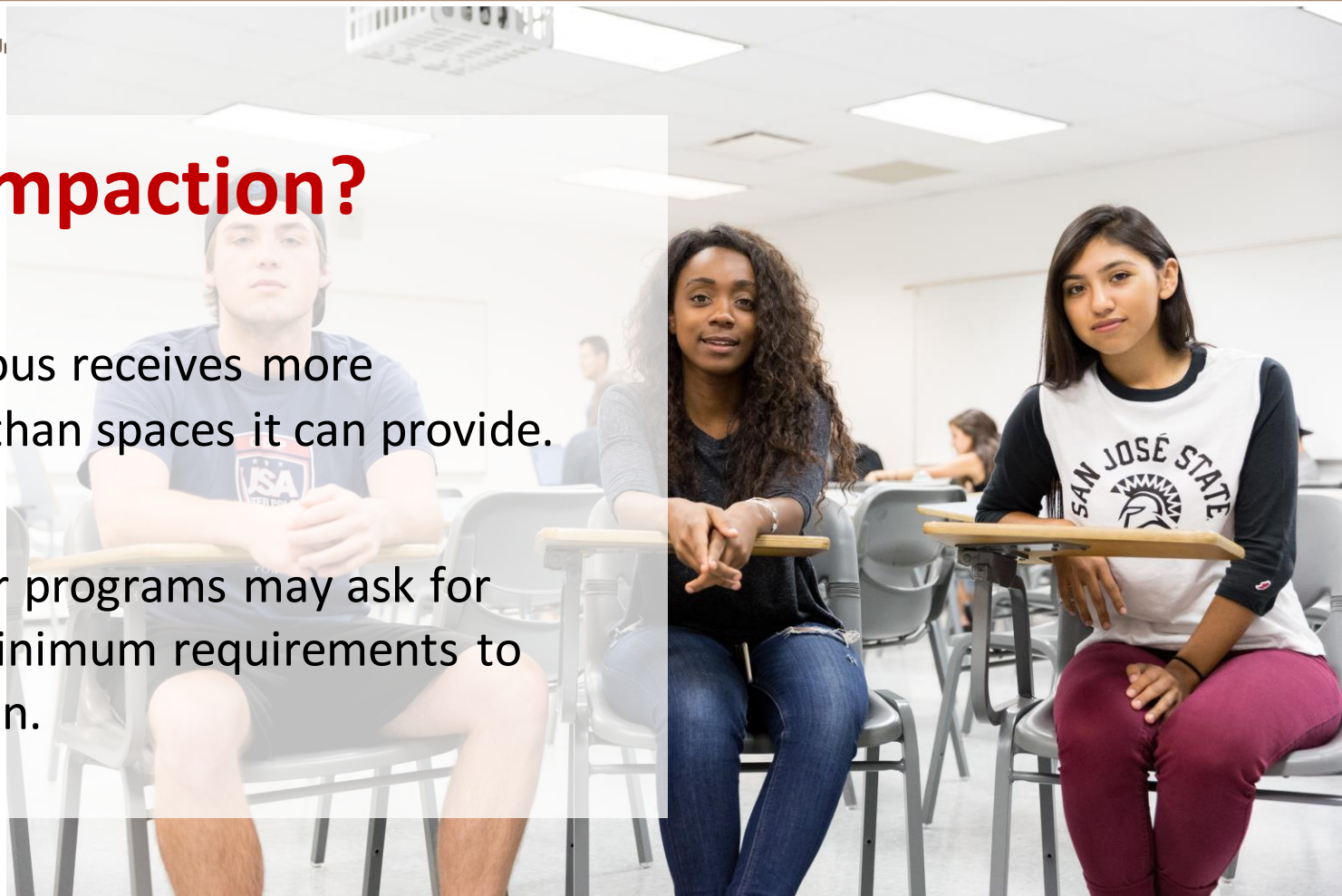☆ Select the average number of hours per week you are/were involved in activities during the last 12 months.

1 - 5 hours ▼

☆ Did you hold or have you held any leadership positions in those activities, e.g. class president, club president, team captain, yearbook editor, etc.?

● Yes   ○ No

What Is Impaction?

- When a campus receives more applications than spaces it can provide.

- More popular programs may ask for more than minimum requirements to gain admission.

Impacted

Cal State Fullerton

Cal State Long Beach

Cal State Los Angeles

San Diego State

San Jose State

Cal Poly San Luis Obispo

Cal Poly Pomona*

Impacted at Freshmen Level & Major Level: All undergraduate programs, pre-programs, and undeclared/undecided programs are impacted

***Impacted at Freshmen Level only**: local admission area taken into account

Non-Impacted Campuses

CSU Bakersfield
CSU Chico
CSU Channel Islands
CSU Dominguez Hills
CSU East Bay
Fresno State
Cal Poly Humboldt
Maritime Academy
Monterey Bay
Northridge
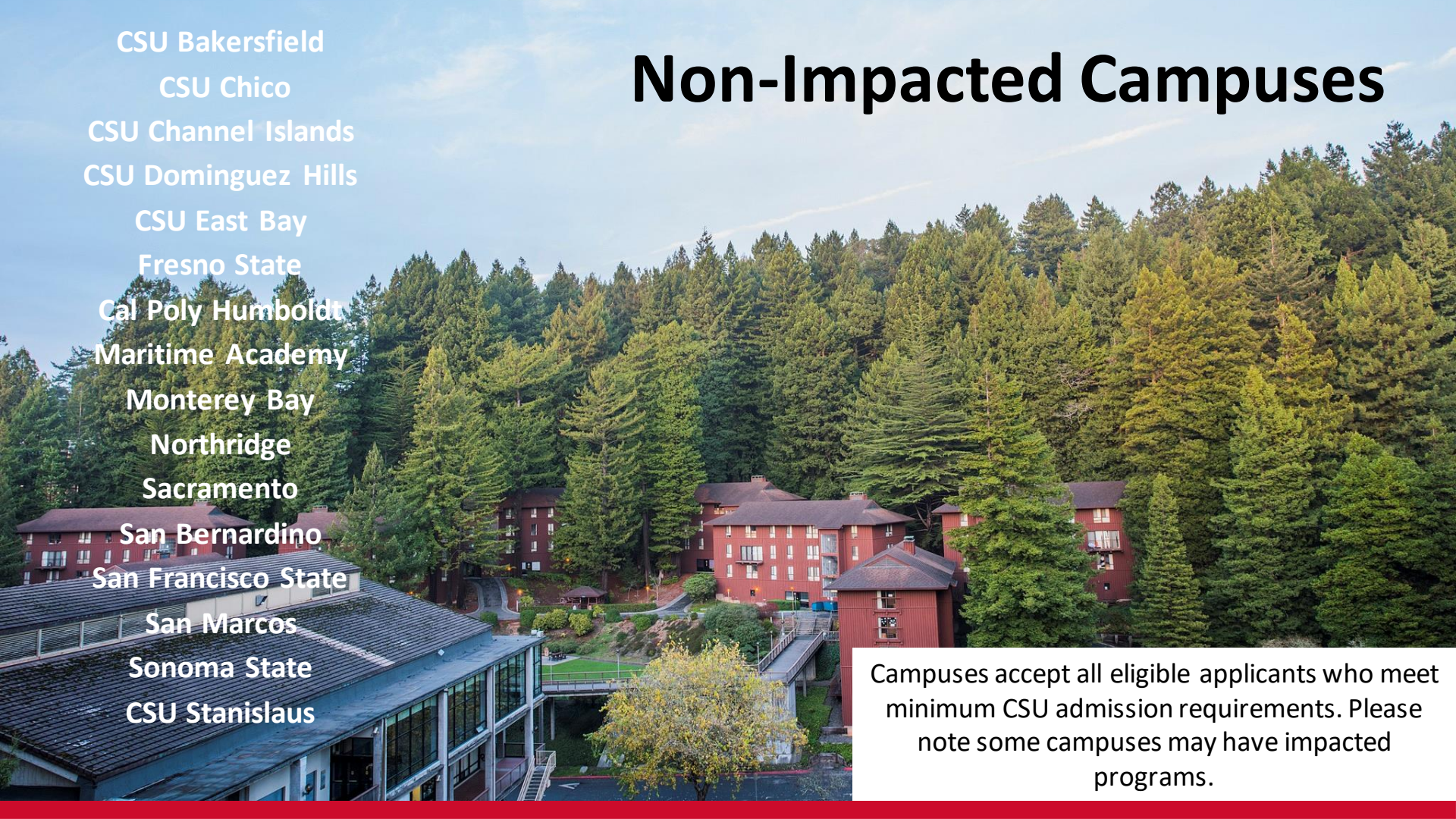Sacramento
San Bernardino
San Francisco State
San Marcos
Sonoma State
CSU Stanislaus

Campuses accept all eligible applicants who meet minimum CSU admission requirements. Please note some campuses may have impacted programs.
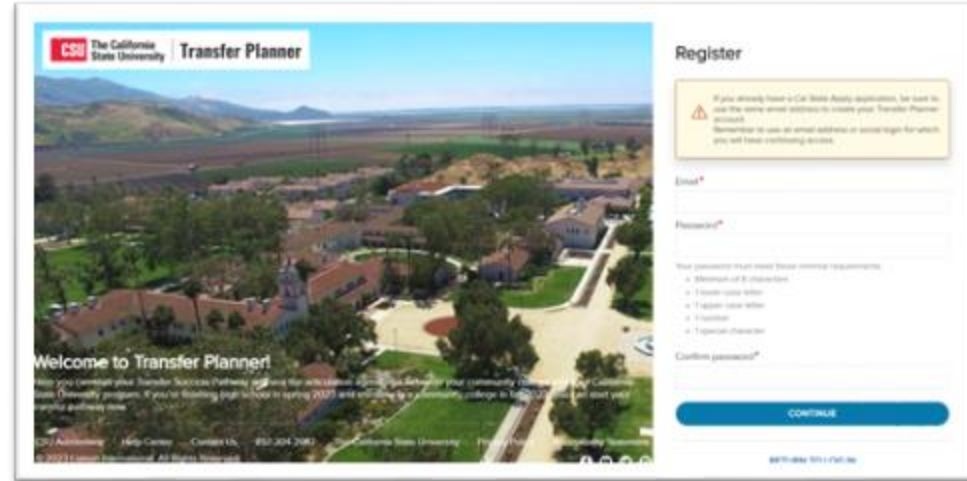
Academic Preparation

Students are strongly encouraged to enroll in:

- English course for senior year
- Year-long mathematics or quantitative, scientific or data literacy course

Transfer Success Pathway Program

- Another pathway to the CSU through the community college

- Eligible: First-time freshman entering a community college
  - Not CSU eligible
  - Not able to attend due to financial or personal

- Guarantees a student future admission to a CSU in a specific program provided they meet requirements

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Application Period: October 1 – November 30

Application Resources

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With 23 universities spanning the state, and thousands of degrees to choose from, the CSU offers you more choices and connections than any other public higher education institution in the nation. One application opens infinite possibilities. Start your journey today.

Select a Term to Apply For ⌄

Apply Now

Campuses and programs may have different application deadlines. Visit **Application Dates & Deadlines** to find yours.
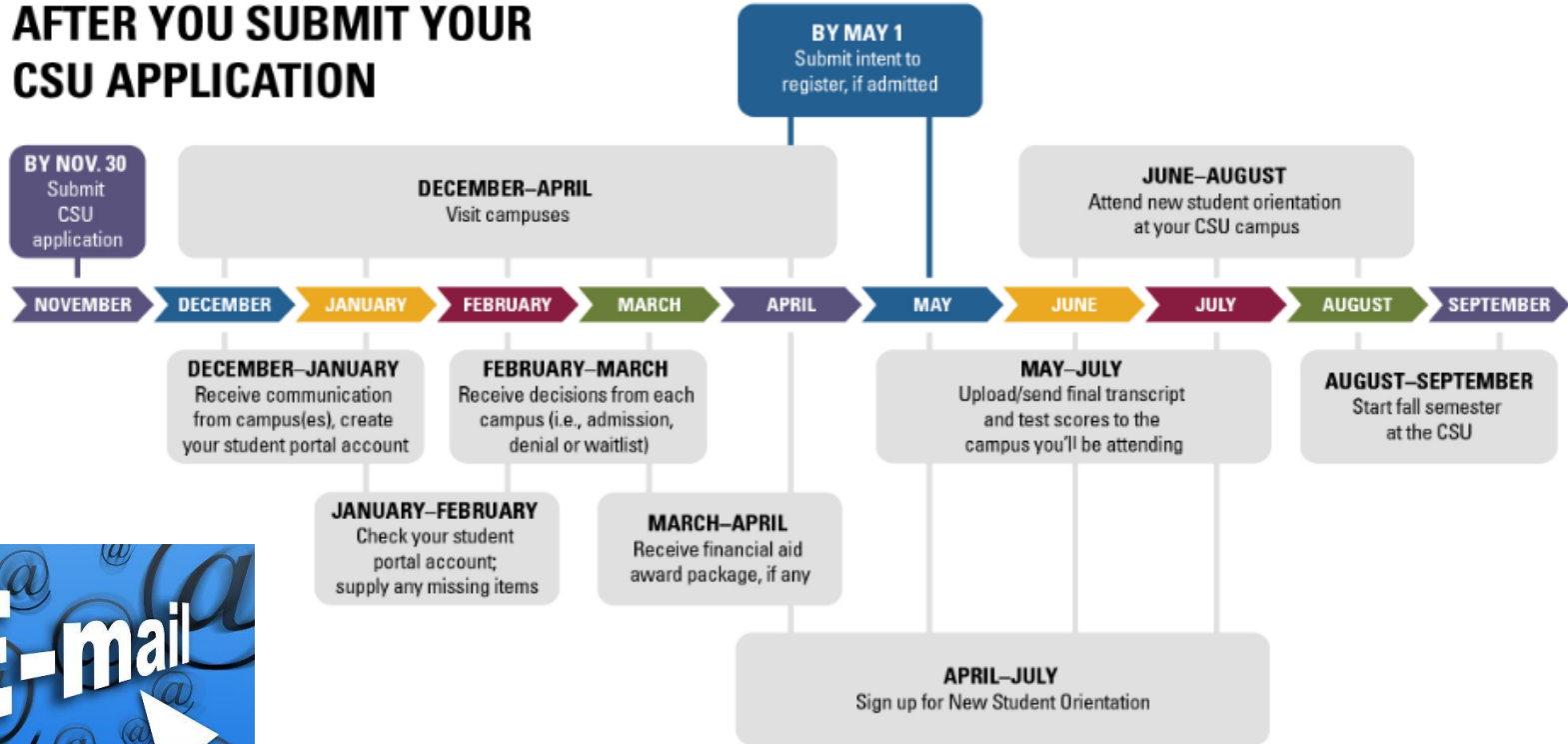
Visit our **Applicant Help Center** for additional assistance.

2023-2024 cycle:

- College-Dual Enrollment Coursework Guidance
- Freshman Application Guide
- Top Dos and Don'ts for the Freshman Application
- Transfer Application Guide
- Top Dos and Don'ts for the Transfer Application
- International Application Guide
- Graduate Application Guide

CSU Undergraduate Admission Process

AFTER YOU SUBMIT YOUR CSU APPLICATION

BY NOV. 30
Submit CSU application

DECEMBER–APRIL
Visit campuses

BY MAY 1
Submit intent to register, if admitted

JUNE–AUGUST
Attend new student orientation at your CSU campus

NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER

DECEMBER–JANUARY
Receive communication from campus(es), create your student portal account

FEBRUARY–MARCH
Receive decisions from each campus (i.e., admission, denial or waitlist)

MAY–JULY
Upload/send final transcript and test scores to the campus you'll be attending

AUGUST–SEPTEMBER
Start fall semester at the CSU

JANUARY–FEBRUARY
Check your student portal account; supply any missing items

MARCH–APRIL
Receive financial aid award package, if any

APRIL–JULY
Sign up for New Student Orientation

Thank you!

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