**EARLY START PROGRAM**

*Introduction*

**QUESTIONS? SEE FAQ OR ATTEND WEBINARS**

(See Website for Spring 2017 Webinar Schedule: developmentalstudies.sfsu.edu)

**DEVELOPMENTAL STUDIES**

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**Early Start**

Students place into first-year developmental math and/or English based on a variety of measures that can include CAAPSS/SBAC, SAT, ACT, AP, IB, ELM and/or EPT scores as well as senior-year math and English coursework.

The CSU system supports California residents who place into these developmental courses by requiring them to take summer prep courses. We call this “Early Start.”

Early Start English (ESE 99) is a one-unit course available in-person or online. This four-day course has sections starting throughout the summer. In addition to orienting students to college-level reading and writing, this course includes the Directed Self Placement (dsp.sfsu.edu) that guides students in choosing their first-year English course.

Early Start Math (ESM 40, 60, and 70) has many options. ESM 60 and 70 are in-person eight-week summer courses that fulfill both early start and developmental requirements. ESM 40, a one-unit, self-paced online course, only fulfills early start requirements.

**FAQs**

**Is Early Start Mandatory?**

All California residents who place into developmental math and/or English must take Early Start summer courses.

**Where can I take Early Start courses?**

English (ESE 99) must be taken through SF State (online or in person). Math (ESM 60 and 70) must be taken in person at SF State or at a CSU approved by our office.

**How do I pay?**

Pay through your student center at gateway.sfsu.edu when you register for the course. Currently it is $182 per unit plus a $2 campus fee. (Subject to change.)

**Do AB 540/Dream Act students attend?**

Though not required to attend, AB 540 students can choose to by contacting the Developmental Studies Office.

**EARLY START IS OUR SUMMER PROGRAM* THAT PREPARES NEW STUDENTS TO SUCCEED IN COLLEGE-LEVEL READING, WRITING, AND QUANTITATIVE REASONING. IT’S THE FIRST STEP FOR CALIFORNIA RESIDENTS ATTENDING CSUs WHO PLACE INTO DEVELOPMENTAL MATH AND/OR ENGLISH.**

(*Students who are college ready based on their CAASPP/SAT/ACT scores don’t participate in Early Start.*)
**Accept Admissions**

**During April 2017**

Accept your admissions offer (AAO) by logging in at gateway.sfsu.edu

**Register for Test(s)**

**No later than April 21st, 2017**

Register for the EPT/ELM tests at ept-elm.ets.org/CSU

**Take Test(s)**

**On May 6, 2017**

Last day for FALL 2017 freshmen to take EPT/ELM tests at SF State

**Register for Orientation**

**Approximately April to May 2017**

Register for New Student Orientation (sessions June and July) and get to sign up for classes early, before others who don’t attend. See: newstudentprograms.sfsu.edu

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**Determine which Course**

**EPT 146 and Below**

- Take SF State’s ESE 99 only
- In person or online
- 1 unit; 4 days total
- Includes DSP (dsp.sfsu.edu)

**ELM 40 or Below**

- Take ESM 60 at SF State or CSU approved by this office
- In person only
- 3 units; 2 months total
- Allows entry into Math 70

**ELM 42-48**

- Take ESM 70 at SF State or CSU approved by this office
- In person only
- 3 units; 2 months total
- Allows entry into college-level math (QR)

**Out of Area Students**

- Take ESM 40 via SF State only
- Online, self-paced, 1 unit
- Does not count for Math 60/70
- Allows retake of ELM in August

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**Register and Pay**

**Register**

Follow steps at the Developmental Studies Office Website located at developmentalstudies.sfsu.edu/esp

**Register other CSU**

If attending an Early Start course at an approved CSU, confirm it is approved and complete the form at developmentalstudies.sfsu.edu/esp

**Pay**

Pay when you register to guarantee a space in the course. Contact SF State’s College of Extended Learning for up-to-date payment policies: cel.sfsu.edu

**Questions**

Contact the Developmental Studies Office at develops@sfsu.edu or 415-405-0436

**Belief**

We believe everyone is in development and that desiring growth does not mean someone is deficient