

EARLY START PROGRAM

Introduction

QUESTIONS? SEE FAQ OR ATTEND WEBINARS

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

DEVELOPMENTAL STUDIES



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.)





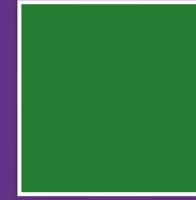
Follow these steps from accepting your admissions offer through signing up for an orientation.

Try to complete your English Early Start course before your orientation date if possible.



Now determine which courses are right for you. College-ready students do not take Early Start. All other students can refer to the placement information below. Courses start in early June and July, depending on the course.

Remember, Early Start Math 40 only fulfills your summer requirement but does not move you forward on the math path.



Register for Early Start and attend course(s). Remember, all courses are fast-paced and require daily work.

Regular attendance is key to gaining academic skills and passing Early Start courses.

Accept, Test, and Visit

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

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

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