Early Start

WHO TAKES EARLY START
The following multiple measures will determine placement:

CAASPP/SBAC Scores,
SAT or ACT Scores,
AP and/or IB Scores, if applicable
High School GPA
Senior-year coursework and Math/English GPA

California State residents who have one or more of the following will not have to complete Early Start:

* SBAC of 4 on English and Math
* SAT Math of 570 or above and SAT English of 550 or above
* ACT Math of 23 or above and ACT of English 22 or above
* AP Calculus, Stats, or Physics and AP English 3 or above
* IB HL Math and English of 4 or above
* High School GPA of 3.3 or above
* Other combinations of GPA, Test Scores, and Senior-year Work

Please see developmentalstudies.sfsu.edu/esp for more information

FAQs

Is Early Start Mandatory?
It is mandatory for California State residents whose measures place them into Early Start.

Where can I take Early Start courses?
English (ESE 99) should be taken through SF State (online or in person). Ideally, students will take Math (ESM 70) at SF State or choose our ESM 40 online option. Attendance at other CSUs is allowed.

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 Math and/or English courses with support.

(*Only students who place into English and/or Math courses with support participate in Early Start.)
## Take Math and English

**Senior-Year High School**

Take a math class senior year and sign up for an ERWC or AP English course if available.

## Come to Sneak Preview

**April 7, 2018**

San Francisco State’s Open House: [https://outreach.sfsu.edu/home](https://outreach.sfsu.edu/home)

## Accept Admissions

**During April 2018**

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

## Register for Orientation

**Approximately April to May 2018**

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

See:

[newsstudentprograms.sfsu.edu](http://newsstudentprograms.sfsu.edu)

## Explore

[advisinghub.sfsu.edu](http://advisinghub.sfsu.edu)

Browse the resources that will be available to you when you arrive in Fall 2018.

## Determine which Course

### Early Start English

- Take SF State’s ESE 99 only
- In person or online
- 1 unit; 4 days total
- Sections start June 11th and every week thereafter until July 16th.
- Includes DSP (dsp.sfsu.edu)

### Early Start Math Option 1

- Take ESM 70 at SF State
- In person only; Mon.-Thur.
- 3 units; 2 months total
- Starts June 18th, 2018
- SF State’s course has almost a 100% pass rate
- Save money and time by taking this course and moving forward on your math pathway.

### Early Start Math Option 2

- Take ESM 40 via SF State only
- Online, self-paced, 1 unit
- Starts mid-July, TBD
- Good for out-of-area students
- Allows entry into B4 course with extra support units for fall. Does not move you forward as much on your math pathway.

### Out of Area Option: Register at other CSU

Students may complete Early Start at other CSUs. Complete the form at developmentalstudies.sfsu.edu/esp

Students may also take a course at their local community college. Please contact our office to determine which course.

## Register and Pay

### Register

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

### Register at other CSU

If attending an Early Start course at another CSU, you must change your SF State “Smart Page” and indicate which CSU you wish to attend. That CSU will then contact you via email with instructions.

### 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](http://cel.sfsu.edu) or

415-405-7700, option 5

### Questions

Contact the Developmental Studies Office at

[develops@sfsu.edu](mailto:develops@sfsu.edu) or

415-405-0436

### Belief

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