CSU Category/Pathway

All freshmen have a first-year Pathway for Written Communication (A2) and Quantitative Reasoning (B4) based on their high school standardized test scores, senior year courses and/or grades. For information about your Pathway, refer to the table below, click on details in the holds & alerts section of your student center, visit developmentalstudies.sfsu.edu or contact develops@sfsu.edu.

Early Start for Written Communication (ESE 99) Summer
Early Start English 99 (ESE 99) is a 1-unit course taken either online or in-person for 4 days (Monday-Thursday). The self-paced online course requires you to log in and spend 3 hours on course work per day.

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Early Start for Quantitative Reasoning (ESM 70/ESM 40) Summer
Early Start Math 70 (ESM 70) is a 3-unit course that meets Monday-Thursday for 8 weeks. This course has a pass rate of over 90% and is recommended because passing the course will provide you with the option of taking a 1-semester stand-alone B4 course.

Early Start Math 40 (ESM 40) is a 4-week, self-paced online course that leads to a fall B-4 course with additional units of support/stretch.

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**WHY TAKE EARLY START AT SF STATE INSTEAD OF AT OTHER CSUS?**

**Written Communication**
ESE 99 provides a specific introduction to writing courses at SF State. You will complete the Write to Register exercise as part of the ESE 99 course.

**Quantitative Reasoning**
Because of the low student to instructor ratio and interactive classrooms, students pass at a rate of over 90%. Students who pass ESM 70 may take a one semester stand-alone B4 course.

**Early Start for Quantitative Reasoning (ESM 70 or 40) Summer**
Students who pass Early Start Math 70 may take a one semester stand-alone B4 course.

**Early Start (ESM 70) recommended**

**Early Start (ESM 70 or 40) required**

**Write to Register Exercise (formerly Directed Self-Placement)**
Required before choosing your A2 course

**A2 Requirement Complete**

**A2 Course**

**B4 Requirement Complete**

**B4 Required**
(one semester, stand-alone)

**B4 Required**
(one semester + support course OR two semester “stretch”)*

*Students who pass Early Start Math 70 may take a one semester stand-alone B4 course.