

Early Start Math FAQs

What is Early Start?

The CSU system recently enacted a policy known as “Early Start” requiring incoming students who do not demonstrate readiness for college-level math and/or English to begin remediation during the summer before coming to the CSU. The goals of Early Start are to better prepare students in math and English before their first semester, thereby improving their chances of completing a college degree.

What are the Early Start Math (ESM) details at CSUN?

- Early Start Math is required for incoming students who have not demonstrated college readiness in math: Entry Level Math (ELM) score less than 50.
- The program takes place the summer before the freshmen year.
- Upon admission, CSUN informs students who are not exempt, how and where to sign up for Early Start.

Are the ESM classes face-to-face classes?

CSUN offers both face-to-face and online ESM classes.

- For information about the face-to-face ESM classes, please go to:
- For information about the online ESM classes, please go to:

Who are the students who are not required to participate in ESM?

- Students deemed conditionally exempt in math based on their Early Assessment Program (EAP) are not required to take ESM
- International students
- Residents of other states
- Students participating in the CSUN EOP Summer Bridge program
- Students who qualify for admission through the CSUN EOP Program
- Students enrolled in CSUN’s Statway program
- Students participating CSUN’s Strong Start Freshmen Connection Program
- Students admitted to CSUN after August 1, 2013

How much does it cost?

Early Start courses offered at any of the CSU campuses have the same fee rate of \$182 per unit. An additional campus fee of \$2.00 may be required at CSUN. Campus parking and course books may also be required for purchase.

Can I use my Financial Aid for ESM?

Early Start fee waivers will be available for those demonstrating need. California residents who applied for financial aid by March 2, 2013 and have an Estimated Family Contribution (EFC) of \$5,000 or less may be eligible for a fee waiver for any course meeting Early Start Program requirements.

I will be attending another CSU campus from Fall 2013. Can I do ESM at CSUN?

If at all possible, you are strongly encouraged to complete the Early Start Program with the CSU campus you'll attend in fall 2013. By taking Early Start classes at your destination campus, you'll meet professors and other students, connect to the campus community, and transition smoothly to your fall term English and math instruction. But, if necessary, students may also participate in the Early Start program offered at any other CSU campus.

OK, so how do I enroll in ESM?

- Go to the CSU **Smart Page** link, located in the student Web Portal of the CSU campus to which you've been admitted. CSUN students should log into **myNorthridge** at www.csun.edu, locate **My Checklist** and select the **CSU Smart Page** link.
- Review your CSU Smart Page to:
 - Find out if you need to participate in Early Start
 - Find out if you qualify for an Early Start fee waiver based on your FAFSA information
 - Indicate the location where you will take Early Start English and/or math classes.** You are strongly encouraged to take Early Start classes with the CSU campus you will attend in Fall 2013. **Note:** CSUN students must **declare their plans** to fulfill the Early Start English and/or math remediation requirements using the CSU Smart Page no later than **July 15, 2013.**
- Once you've completed the CSU Smart Page, you will receive Early Start course **enrollment information** from the CSU campus you selected. Be sure to complete the CSU Smart Page **before** enrolling in Early Start classes.
- Please see: <http://www.csun.edu/anr/soc/guides/earlystart.html>

What are the key dates I have to remember?

Summer and Fall 2013	
Earliest possible date to register in Fall 2013 classes with your advisor.*	April 9, 2013
Earliest possible date to log into the CSU Smart Page	April 9
Last day to file Intent to Register for Fall 2013	May 1
Last day to take EPT/ELM tests **	May 4
Earliest possible date to enroll in CSUN Early Start courses	May 13
First CSUN Early Start Math and English courses begin	June 3
EPT/ELM scores received by CSUN	June 24
Deadline to complete the CSU Smart Page	July 15
Deadline to complete CSUN Early Start courses	August 2
Send final official high school transcript to CSUN for receipt by	August 16

