

# Transfer Impaction FAQ



For nearly six decades, California State University, Northridge has been a beacon of opportunity for our region. We have educated generations of Californians and launched thousands of successful futures. In recent years, demand for a CSUN education has risen at an incredible rate, while state funding for that education has shrunk. This has created a landscape where more students want to pursue their undergraduate degrees at CSUN than our state and the CSU allow. We have done everything we can to continue to offer admission to all applicants meeting our announced requirements, but the CSU system requires — due to the lower level of funding from the state of California — CSUN to not exceed established enrollment targets.

We are at the point where we must change how we manage our enrollment to align with the mandate from the CSU system. For this reason, CSUN plans to implement academic, freshman and transfer-level impaction for undergraduate programs beginning in fall 2016.

## What is impaction?

Impaction is the process, or tool, that California State University campuses use to limit admissions. Without a change to our current use of impaction, CSUN cannot adequately control how many students are admitted as the university is obligated to admit all eligible students.

## Is CSUN currently impacted?

Yes. For fall 2015, CSUN remains impacted for first-time freshman admission and admission to three majors in the David Nazarian College of Business and Economics — financial planning, accounting and finance. This means CSUN currently admits all eligible local area applicants and has higher admission standards for out-of-area applicants. Additional enrollment management tools are proposed for fall 2016.

## What is CSUN's enrollment management goal?

CSUN aims to reduce its undergraduate enrollment by 1 percent — approximately 300 students — each year for the next four years beginning fall 2016.

**GRADUATE ADMISSIONS IS NOT AFFECTED.**

## Why is CSUN planning further impaction?

Enrollment at CSUN has grown significantly in the past five years. In fall 2009, the university's enrollment was 35,198. In fall 2014, CSUN had more than 40,000 graduate and undergraduate students enrolled, an all-time high for the campus. As part of the CSU system, CSUN is annually given a specific enrollment target. In recent years, state funding has not increased sufficiently to support both the demand of new applicants as well as the increasing course loads taken by students who are currently enrolled. Our funded enrollment target is less than our demand.

## How will CSUN use the proposed impaction tools to control enrollment?

CSUN is committed to access and will use the tools as minimally as possible to reach the state and CSU enrollment target.

## What is changing for transfer admissions?

For fall 2016, CSUN is implementing regional impaction for transfer students and changing entrance requirements to some of its largest majors (psychology, kinesiology, music, and cinema and television arts). CSUN is also adding — but not planning to implement — full-academic-program impaction, i.e., changing requirements for all majors that may be over-enrolled.

## Which additional majors will have enhanced admissions criteria?

For 2016-17:

Psychology  
Kinesiology  
Music  
Cinema and Television Arts

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## **What about other majors?**

For 2017-18 and following:

If the additional impaction tools adopted for fall 2016 are not successful to meet the enrollment management goal, CSUN may consider additional academic programs for impaction beginning fall 2017. To ensure access, CSUN will only institute impaction for programs where there are more students interested in a major than capacity. Most majors will likely remain open to all CSUN applicants.

## **When are the new changes taking place?**

CSUN is planning to implement the changes as reasonably as possible over the course of the next two admissions cycles (for 2016-17 and 2017-18). Fall 2015, CSUN will use existing enrollment management tools currently in place.

## **What do transfer applicants need for admission?**

For local admissions area:

- 60 transferable units from an accredited college or university
- A 2.0 GPA; and
- Completion of the “golden four” courses: math, writing, speech and critical thinking.

For the rest of California:

- All of the above and a higher GPA, and
- If a student is applying for admission to a major with additional criteria he or she must meet the additional criteria as well in order to be admissible.

CSUN currently allows students with the minimum transfer requirements from anywhere in California to attend.

We are adding a new local area that includes the 17 California community colleges from whom we get the most students and to which we are most proximate. They are:

Antelope Valley College  
College of the Canyons  
East Los Angeles College  
Glendale Community College  
Los Angeles City College  
Los Angeles Harbor College  
Los Angeles Mission College  
Los Angeles Pierce College  
Los Angeles Trade Technical College  
Los Angeles Valley College  
Moorpark College  
Oxnard College  
Pasadena City College  
Santa Monica College  
Southwest Los Angeles College  
Ventura College  
West Los Angeles College

Students from these colleges are admissible to CSUN with 60 units, a 2.0 GPA, and the “golden four” courses: math, writing, speech and critical thinking. They may not be admitted to a particular major, depending on supplemental requirements. In order to transfer from these colleges, students need a preponderance of their transferable units from one or a combination of the above colleges.

## **What if a student went to another college?**

That student would have to meet both university and department supplemental criteria in order to be admitted.

## **Does this impact out-of-state, graduate and international students?**

No. These groups are not affected.

## **How will this change the CSUN student body?**

CSUN will utilize impaction as minimally as possible to meet state- and CSU-mandated enrollment targets. The enrollment management goal is a 1 percent reduction in undergraduates each year for the next four years. This equates to less than 300 students each year.

## **What will happen to students who no longer qualify for admission to CSUN?**

CSUN is actively working with neighboring CSU campuses to support access for all regional students.

## **How can I comment on CSUN’s plans to impact admissions?**

Community stakeholders are encouraged to submit comments via email at [impaction@csun.edu](mailto:impaction@csun.edu), online at [www.csun.edu/impaction](http://www.csun.edu/impaction) or by taking part in one of the four public hearings CSUN is holding on the matter. CSUN will hold these hearings at the following dates, times and locations:

### **March 5, 2015**

6-7 p.m.  
California State University, Northridge  
Little Theatre, Nordhoff Hall, 18111 Nordhoff St.  
Northridge, CA 91330

### **March 9, 2015**

6-7 p.m.  
Glendale Community College  
San Rafael Building, Room 138, 1500 N. Verdugo Rd.  
Glendale, CA 91208

### **March 10, 2015**

6-7 p.m.  
West Los Angeles College  
Fine Arts Auditorium, 9000 Overland Ave.  
Culver City, CA 90230

### **March 11, 2015**

6-7 p.m.  
Moorpark College  
EATM Building, Room 208, 7075 Campus Rd.  
Moorpark, CA 93021

## **For More Information**

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