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**New CSUF Student Guide**

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## **1. Introduction**

Greetings! If you are reading this document, you have been newly accepted to California State University, Fullerton! Before you start your classes, however, there are a few things that you will need to know about our campus. Our goal with this document is to try and help all first-year students better understand how everything functions here at CSUF. Read through our CSUF New Student Guide and your first year will go by smoothly.

## **2. Classes/Units**

If you are trying to graduate in four years, you will most likely need to take at least 15 units a semester, which is around 4 to 5 classes. Keep in mind to receive full financial aid award you will have to be a full-time student which is 12 units a semester. You should plan an hour break after every two classes to make sure you are not overwhelmed. Make sure to account for the walking distance between each course.

### **2.1 Balancing classes**

You will want to balance your general education with your primary classes each semester. If you finish all your general education classes in your first two years, you will most likely end up being categorized as a part-time student. This is because major courses are highly contested and will usually get filled up before your registration date. Make sure you have alternative classes to enroll in as there are courses that may only be offered in the spring or fall semester.

### **2.2 STEM Majors**

This subsection is geared explicitly toward STEM majors. It is advised that you do not take more than two math classes per semester. This includes any math, chemistry, or physics class as they are all math-heavy. It might even be difficult to take more than one math class per semester. However, each student is different, so course load can vary.

## **3. Parking**

California State University, Fullerton is infamous for its lack of parking spaces during peak hours at the University, especially the first three weeks of school. During this first couple of weeks, it is wise to come to class as early as 8 AM to secure parking in one of

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three parking structures the school has. Anything after 9 AM will require you to go to Lot A & G which is next to the school's baseball field. Keep in mind this is quite a walk to and from the campus itself. Between 11 AM and 12 PM are peak parking hours, during these times you are unlikely to find a parking space in the structure or the lots. The school does offer off-site parking, but you will need to take a bus to and from the campus.

## 4. The Library Floors

If you are looking for places to study the library is the place to go. The library consists of four floors. The first floor consists mostly of computers of the Mac and Windows variant. This is also where students can print their documents for a small fee. The second floor is a mixture of machines and desks for group/individual study. This floor is mostly a mix of all the other levels combined; you can study by yourself, study in groups, or use the computer. The third floor is the quiet individual study floor. This floor is tranquil for students who would like to study in peace. The fourth floor is the group studying floor. This floor is often loud and is a place for groups to work and study together. If you wish to request a private room for you and your classmates, you may consider asking the workers at the counter to give your group permission to use one of our study rooms in the library.

## 5. Resources

Some of the resources that you access here CSUF are the academic advisement center and the career center. One resource that the new incoming students should look into is the Fullerton Finish program. This program will help first-year students and transfer students stay on track to finish in four or two years, respectively. One benefit they receive is priority registration for as long as they remain in the program. The Student Wellness program is an excellent resource if you require of any counseling or health services.

## 6. Conclusion

California State University, Fullerton is a remarkable university that demands the best out of their students. For you to make the best out of your time here at Fullerton, you must make sure to stay on track. You can do this by enrolling in 15 units each semester, utilizing the library as a study tool and getting involved on campus. Consider taking a look at our clubs and resources on campus during Discoverfest as there may be certain interest groups that you would be ecstatic to join. Once again, congratulations on your

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acceptance into California State University, Fullerton - we wish you success in your future endeavors.

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