

CONGRATULATIONS! YOU'RE IN!

LOOK INSIDE FOR YOUR NEXT STEPS



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California State University
MONTEREY BAY
Extraordinary Opportunity

A photograph of two young men running on a sandy beach. One is in silhouette against the bright sky, while the other is more visible in the foreground, wearing a cap and red shorts. They are running towards the ocean, which has small, foamy waves. The sky is filled with dramatic, colorful clouds.

**BIG
waves. | big
IDEAS.**

YOU'VE BEEN ADMITTED. NOW WHAT?

Congratulations on your acceptance to California State University, Monterey Bay. We know you're excited about becoming an Otter, but before you can move onto campus and start your college life, you need to take care of a few more details.

To help make your transition to CSUMB a successful one, just follow this simple list of next steps:

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NEED HELP? WE'RE HERE.

If you have any questions, remember we're here to support your success — every step of the way. Just call the Campus Service Center at 831-582-5100 or visit csumb.edu/csc. We'll see you soon.

STEP 1 VISIT CAMPUS

The single best way to determine whether we're the right place for you is to come see us for yourself.

Tours are offered Monday through Saturday with the exception of campus holidays, university closures and special events. Tour times may vary throughout the year, so be sure to check online or give us a call to verify dates and times of availability.

Student-led walking tours of the Cal State Monterey Bay campus last about an hour and include the following stops:

- One of our academic facilities
- The newly renovated Dining Commons
- Our new Student Center
- The Tanimura & Antle Family Memorial Library
- One of our freshmen residence halls

Please check the weather and dress accordingly with layers and walking shoes.

Sign up for a campus tour

Visit csumb.edu/tour to confirm tour dates and times. From there, you can register online via your VIP page.

If you'd rather talk to us directly, just give us a call or email!

- 831-582-3738
- campustours@csumb.edu



"I thought the tour was great. It had great information, and I believe it truly helped me make my decision."

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STEP 2 CONFIRM YOUR ENROLLMENT

What is an enrollment confirmation?

Confirming your enrollment reserves your place at CSUMB. This is done through our online student information system. It's easy and only takes a few minutes. You confirm your enrollment and pay the \$100 enrollment deposit.

When must I confirm my enrollment?

All admitted students must pay the \$100 enrollment confirmation fee by December 2. Payments must be received, not postmarked, by December 2.

How do I pay the \$100 enrollment confirmation deposit?

After you accept your admission to Cal State Monterey Bay you will be redirected to the online payment system. You can pay with a credit card or electronic check (e-check).

- Choose "Enrollment Confirmation" on the right side of the page
- Choose "Spring 2014 Enrollment Confirmation"
- Choose "Undergraduate Enrollment Confirmation Fee". The fee is \$100
- Click "Add to Basket"
- Review your choice and verify the information is correct
- Choose "Checkout"
- Choose either Credit Card or Electronic Check information click "Continue checkout"
- Enter Credit Card or Electronic Check information
- Choose "Continue Checkout"
- Review the Items Selected and Payment Information
- Choose "Submit Payment"



If you wish to pay by check:
Make check payable to CSUMB and send to:
Office of Admissions
100 Campus Center
Seaside, CA 93955-8001

Include student name and ID number on check.

Note: The mandatory deposit is applied to your fees. CSU Monterey Bay will email you when we receive your confirmation and the required \$100 enrollment deposit.

Enrollment deposits are non-refundable.

How do I verify CSUMB has received my enrollment deposit?

- Go to my.csumb.edu and log in using your Otter ID and password
- Choose CMS Student/HR
- Click on "Student Center"
- Scroll to the "Finances" section
- Choose from the drop-down box "Account Activity"
- This will show you what payments you've made to the university

STEP 3 SUBMIT OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS & TEST SCORES

Documents & Deadlines

- Official transcripts: Submit if requested by Office of Admissions
- Final transcripts: Submit by January 15 (must show grad date)
- Early Assessment Program scores (EAP): As soon as available – provide the Cal State system permission to release your EAP results
- SAT scores (code 1945): December test date – last date to take the test for priority admission consideration
- ACT scores (code 0321): December test date – last date to take the test for priority admission consideration
- Entry Level Math placement exam (ELM): If required, you must have taken the placement test by the May 4 test date
- English Proficiency Test placement exam (EPT): If required, you must have taken the placement test by the May 4 test date
- Credit by Exam: Submit official scores if you wish to receive college credit. Not all Advanced Placement (AP), College Level Examination Program (CLEP), or International Baccalaureate (IB) scores receive college credit. Visit csumb.edu/creditbyexam for a complete list of AP, CLEP, and IB credit

What do I need to submit?

- Official SAT and/or ACT test scores. CSUMB only accepts electronic scores
- Final transcript when you've completed all of your coursework

How do I check online to see which transcript(s) or other items I still need to submit?

- Log in to my.csumb.edu using your Otter ID and password.
- The list of items required is on your MyCSUMB dashboard.

How do I submit my transcripts and/or test scores?

Mail transcripts to:

Office of Admissions, 100 Campus Center, Seaside, CA 93955-8001

Electronic transcripts/test scores:

- High school: Check with your school office
- Community college: Check with your records office
- Submit test scores electronically: EAP, SAT, ACT, EPT, ELM, AP, TOEFL, and GRE



"If you spend one hour applying for a scholarship and then you are awarded \$1,000, you just made \$1,000 for an hour's work. That's pretty good!"
– Scholarship recipient



STEP 4 APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID

Do you need financial aid to attend Cal State Monterey Bay?

Here is what you need to do:

1. Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

Apply online at fafsa.ed.gov. You should apply as soon as possible in order to maximize your financial aid package. Financial Aid applications can be submitted immediately. However, some grants are distributed on a first-come, first-serve basis. The school code for CSUMB is 032603.

2. Submit all documents requested by our office

You may be asked for additional documents to confirm what you reported on your financial aid application. Remember to keep copies of items such as your Federal Income Tax Return. The Financial Aid Office will notify you if you need to submit other information after filing your financial aid application.

3. Search for scholarships on the web

The fastweb.com website provides a free scholarship search service. Search the web for other scholarship websites. (Use the free sites!)

4. Ask questions

If at any time you do not understand the information being requested, call the Financial Aid Office at 831-582-5100. Our goal is to make the process of applying for aid as easy as possible.

Types of Aid

Grants: Awards based on financial need that do not need to be repaid

Scholarships: Awards based on merit or need that do not need to be repaid

Loans: Federal aid that must be repaid

Work Study: Part-time jobs on campus

STEP 5 CONSIDER THE COSTS

How much are we talking?

Cal State Monterey Bay offers an excellent education at a very reasonable price. Basic expenses for someone living on campus tend to include tuition and registration fees (classes and usage fees), books and supplies, and room (where you live) and board (what you eat). To help you compare costs, we have listed our basic expenses for the 2013–14 academic year. All costs listed are per semester and then totaled to estimate annual costs.

Students that live at home and commute to CSU Monterey Bay will pay a similar amount of Tuition Fees as students that live on campus. Commuter students pay less per semester because housing costs and meal plan costs are not included in the totals.



More than half of all CSU students receive some form of financial aid, and 45 percent of undergraduates have their tuition fees fully covered by grants or waivers.



Consider this sample budget

	CALIFORNIA RESIDENTS	NON-RESIDENTS	
	0-6 UNITS OR LESS	6.1 UNITS OR MORE	BASED ON 16 UNITS
Tuition Fees Undergrad	Per semester includes the \$100 enrollment confirmation deposit.*	\$1,587	\$2,736
CSUMB Fees	Materials, services, and facilities fees; Associated Student Body Fee; Sports, recreation, and leisure - IRA fee, Student Union Fee	\$245.50	\$245.50
Non-resident tuition fees	Per unit charge to students who do not meet the California state residency requirements.	does not apply	does not apply
Housing***	Must maintain 12 units or more for housing. Estimate based on a double in North Quad or East Campus Apartments. Visit csumb.edu/housing for complete listing of options and prices.	not eligible	\$3,200
Meal Plan***	For North Quad students. For more information on meal plan options visit csumb.edu/dining		\$1,725
Parking Permit	Required if you live on campus. Daily permits are also available. csumb.edu/parking	\$54	\$54
Per Semester		\$1,886.50	\$7,960.50
Fall/Spring combined total		\$3,773	\$15,921
			\$27,825**

*Non-refundable enrollment confirmation deposit is applied to your first semester tuition fees.

**Based on 16 units per semester

***Commuter Students do not pay room fees but may purchase Meal Plan Options.

Additional costs to consider

Books/Supplies	Books/Supplies for courses vary per major. For listing of specific course related fees visit csumb.edu/schedule	Variable	\$750	\$750
Personal Expenses	Most students have additional personal expenses. At an average of \$50 per week, these can total more than \$1,500 per year, but they vary with every student depending on lifestyle and budget	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500

For a complete listing of prices, visit our tuition and fees webpage at csumb.edu/tuition. More information on room and board will be sent to you in a few weeks. All fees are subject to change and approval by the state legislature. Other potential fees may be theft, fire and accident insurance, or health insurance. If you are interested in either insurance coverage, please visit csumb.edu/housing.

STEP 6 APPLY FOR HOUSING

Living on campus at CSUMB creates wonderful opportunities for you to become a full, contributing member of our campus community. Make the most of your living experience!

Living on campus is exciting. You'll meet people of different lifestyles and cultures and form strong relationships with your neighbors and roommates. At times living with others can be challenging, but through this experience you'll build important skills in communication, cooperation and compromise.

Residential life is a vital part of the educational experience at CSUMB. All freshman and sophomore students who do not reside within 30 miles of the main campus are required to live in university housing; students within the 30-mile radius are also encouraged to live on campus. Oh, yeah: Did we mention that laundry in our residence halls and North Quad is free? No more hauling laundry back home on the weekends!

When should I apply for housing?

Once you've confirmed your enrollment and paid the \$100 enrollment confirmation deposit, we encourage you to apply for housing as soon as possible. While we do our best to accommodate as many students as possible on campus, Student Housing operates on a first-come, first-served basis. Please visit csumb.edu/housing and click on Prospective Residents for the most current information related to housing deadlines.

How do I apply for housing?

After paying the enrollment confirmation deposit, a link that says "apply for housing" will be displayed on your MyCSUMB dashboard. Follow the instructions carefully.

What housing options do we offer?

- Residence Halls
- Suites
- Apartments
- East Campus Apartments

Residence Halls on the Quad

- Private bathrooms or a shared bathroom between two rooms
- Each building is equipped with a laundry room
- Community kitchen with access to microwave, refrigerator, sink and stove
- Community TV lounge (in some halls)



"I simply believe that living on campus is a vital part of the college experience no matter your age, nationality, gender, or background. It simply is a life changing experience."

– Michelle Baker



North Quad Suites – For residents with sophomore status or above (30 or more completed units)

Suite Highlights

- Two-bedroom, one-bath suites
- Four-bedroom, two-bath suites
- Furnished and carpeted
- Kitchenette
- Dining/living room

Building Amenities

- Laundry facilities
- Community kitchen
- Lounges

North Quad Apartments

Apartment Highlights

- Two-bedroom, one-bath apartments
- Four-bedroom, two-bath apartments
- Furnished and carpeted
- Full kitchen with basic appliances (some kitchens include a dishwasher)
- Dining and living room

Building Amenities

- Laundry facilities
- Lounges

East Campus Apartments

A residential community about two miles from the university's main campus, the East Campus Apartments serve students with families, graduate students and students with upper-division status. The spacious two-bedroom, one-bath apartments offer comfortable accommodations, picturesque views and a convenient commute to university classes and campus activities. Residents may commute by car, Monterey/Salinas Transit bus service or bicycle.

All resident rooms have:

- Wireless network connections
- Cable TV

Utilities are included in the cost of housing

STEP 7 TAKE YOUR ENGLISH AND MATH PLACEMENT TESTS

Before you enroll, we need to determine which level of English and math courses are right for you. Your placement test scores help us do this. Don't worry. Your test results don't affect your admission in any way; they just help us match you up with the right classes.

Do I have to take the test?

Most likely, yes. Log in to your MyCSUMB dashboard and review the checklist items. If you are required to take the placement tests, the tests will be listed in your checklist. You will not be able to enroll in classes unless you have taken the placement tests.

However, some students who performed very well on another standardized test, such as the SAT*, or have transferable units from another college, may qualify for an exemption and won't have to take the test. See the chart on the next page to see if you qualify.

When can I take the EPT or ELM?

The testing schedule is posted at ets.org/csu. The tests will be offered on various dates at all CSU campuses. You must complete the exams by May 4 (see deadline on page 8).

It is important that you register for and take the EPT/ELM as early as possible so your results will be available before you attempt to register for classes at the university.

Where do I take the test?

At CSUMB

To take the ELM/EPT here at CSUMB, please register for the test online at csumb.edu/testing.

At another CSU

Visit ets.org/csu to see the testing schedule at all CSU campuses.

What if I live out of state?

If you live outside of the state of California and need to take the EPT and/or ELM before arriving in California, please call 925-808-2142 or email csuout-of-state@ets.org. Schedule the exams as soon as possible!



* Standardized tests are only valid for three years from the date taken. Only Official score reports will be used for admission, testing, placement or credit purposes.



What do the results mean?

Basically, if you score above a certain level we know you are ready for regular college-level English or math courses. If you score below that level, you'll need to take a preparatory course and brush up on the basics first. At New Student Orientation, your advisor will provide you with the information you need to determine the courses to take in English and/or math.

What if my score is too low?

You will still be admitted to CSUMB, but you will have to take some preparatory courses your first year. Or, you may be able to complete these courses at a local community college in the summer prior to enrolling at CSUMB.

You do have to pass these courses, though. If you fail to complete remediation for English and/or math within your first academic year of enrollment at CSUMB, you will be academically dismissed and disenrolled for future terms. We strongly advise you to complete remediation during your first year of attendance.

You may be exempt if you scored from the EPT, ELM, and/or Early Start:

EPT	ELM
A score of 500 or above on the critical reading section of the College Board SAT Reasoning Test	A score of 550 or above on the mathematics section of the College Board SAT Reasoning Test
A score of 22 or above on the American College Testing (ACT) English Test	A score of 550 or above on a College Board SAT Subject Test in Mathematics (level 1 or level 2)
A score of 3 or above on either the Language and Composition or Composition and Literature examination of the College Board Scholastic Advanced Placement Program	A score of 23 or above on the American College Testing (ACT) Mathematics Test
Completion and transfer to CSU of the credits for a college course that satisfies the CSU General Education requirement in English Composition, provided such a course was completed with a grade of C or better	A score of 3 or above on the College Board Advanced Placement Calculus AB or Calculus BC
A score of "Exempt" or "Ready for college-level English courses" on the CSU Early Assessment Program (EAP) taken along with the English Language Arts California Standard Test in grade 11	A score of 3 or above on the College Board Advanced Placement Statistics examination
A score of "Conditionally ready for college-level English courses" or "Conditional" on the CSU Early Assessment Program (EAP) taken on grade 11, provided successful completion of the Expository Reading and Writing Course (ERWC), AP English, IB English or an English course approved for extra honors weight on the University of California "a-g" Doorways course list.	Completion and transfer to CSU of a college course that satisfies the requirement in Quantitative Reasoning, provided such a course was completed with a grade of C or better
	A score of "Exempt" or "Ready for college-level Mathematics courses" on the CSU Early Assessment Program (EAP), taken in grade 11 in conjunction with the CST in Summative High School Mathematics or Algebra II
	A score of "Conditionally ready for college-level Mathematics courses" or "Conditional" on the CSU Early Assessment Program (EAP) taken in grade 11 along with the California Standards Test in Summative High School Mathematics or Algebra II, provided successful completion of a CSU-approved 12th grade math course that require Algebra II as a prerequisite.

NOTE: All test scores (EAP, SAT, ACT, AP) must be official to be considered for EPT/ELM exemption.

Placements tests help determine whether students are prepared for college-level work and, if not, to counsel students how to strengthen their preparation.



STEP 8 LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY REQUIREMENT

CSU Monterey Bay prides itself on its commitment to multilingual diversity. As part of that commitment, CSUMB requires students to be proficient, at an intermediate or higher level, in a language other than English. To get you off on the right foot and choosing the best courses for your first semester, here is some information to help you find the best possible level as you continue your language study.

Language Courses offered at CSU Monterey Bay

- American Sign Language, Japanese, and Spanish
- Website: csumb.edu/gec3

Spanish Language Placement Exam

- Website: csumb.edu/languageplacement
- Students who studied Spanish in high school must complete the online Spanish Language Placement exam
- The online exam is designed to help place you in a course appropriate to your level
- The test takes about 20-30 minutes to complete
- Your score is sent to your email address (bring this score with you to Orientation)



Scoring high on this test will not earn you units, but will simply place you in an appropriate course

- Advanced Placement (AP) coursework, College Level Examination Program (CLEP), and Community College coursework
- AP Score of 4 or 5: Students who completed AP language coursework and passed the AP exam with a score 4 or 5 have met the campus language proficiency requirement (GE Area C3). Credit is awarded once the student is enrolled at CSUMB
- AP Score of 3: Students who score a 3 on the AP Exam in Japanese Language and Culture or Spanish Language should determine appropriate placement at CSUMB in order to complete the requirement. Spanish student should take a placement exam; Japanese students should confer with Japanese Faculty.
- Additional AP and CLEP credit by exam info can be found at csumb.edu/creditbyexam
- Community college students should review the articulation agreements at www.assist.org/web-assist/CSUMB.html to find recommended course levels

Heritage/native speakers and students with an intermediate or higher proficiency in a language other than English

Students may be able to meet the language requirement through assessment of prior learning

- Assessment is currently available in Arabic, Cantonese, Chinese, French, Farsi, German, Greek, Hebrew, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Mandarin, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, Swedish, Tagalog, Thai, Turkish and Vietnamese
- Testing is offered during your first semester on campus and is arranged through the World Languages and Cultures department.
Visit: csumb.edu/wlc
- Website: csumb.edu/languageproficiency

STEP 9 SUBMIT YOUR IMMUNIZATION RECORDS

In the college environment, you'll have close contact with other students in classrooms, residence and dining halls, and common spaces. Because of this, you must protect yourself and others from the most common communicable diseases on college campuses: Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR), and Hepatitis B (HEP B). This is so important to your health that the State of California and CSUMB require proof of immunization to maintain your enrollment. Act today and provide the documentation required for proof of immunization so you are prepared for a healthy and enjoyable experience at college.



What immunity must I show CSUMB?

- Proof of immunity against Measles and Rubella (MMR) prior to enrollment AND
- All first-time enrollees who are 18 years of age or younger as of Sept. 1 in the same year that they begin fall classes (or for spring and summer sessions – 18 years or younger as of Sept. 1 of the previous year) must also present proof of immunity to Hepatitis B
- The Hepatitis B 3-shot series must be completed prior to enrolling in the second year

Ways to Prove Immunity

- Pediatrician's statement or record of immunizations
- State or international immunization records
- Primary or secondary school records
- Immunization records from another college or university attended
- Military records
- Immunizations recorded in your baby book (include full name & dates)
- Results of a blood test clearly indicating immunity to Hepatitis B and/or Measles and Rubella
- If verification from any of the above sources is not possible, then you will need to do one of the following:
 - Get immunized
 - Get a test that clearly indicates immunity
 - At the Campus Health Center (for a fee), or
 - By a physician or clinic of your choice

Submit your immunization records to:

CSU Monterey Bay
Campus Health Center
100 Campus Center
Seaside, CA
93955-8001

Need to know more?

If you have questions or are precluded from this requirement due to a physical condition (validated in writing by your physician) or because of your personal or religious beliefs, please contact the Campus Health Center.

831-582-3965

FAX 831-582-3976

TTY 831-582-4654

STEP 10 ATTEND ORIENTATION

Plan on attending New Student Otter Orientation. At this fun, exciting event, you'll have the opportunity get to know other new students, plus load up on all the important information you need to be successful at CSUMB.

Some of the things to expect at Orientation

- An overview of the majors
- Break-out sessions to learn more about the majors you are interested in
- Info on financial aid, housing and student activities
- Q & A panels with current students and alumni
- The chance to talk with an advisor and register for class

How do I register and pay for Orientation?

Once you've paid your \$100 enrollment confirmation fee, you will be able to register for Orientation.

- Go to my.csumb.edu and log in with your OtterID and password
- MyCSUMB will indicate in your message area if you are eligible to register for Orientation
- Click the link reading "CMS Student/HR" on the right
- Choose Monterey Bay Custom CS
- Choose Orientation and follow the steps

Note: Your student account will be charged the Orientation Fee and you must pay this fee in order to attend Orientation. Follow the payment instructions on the Orientation registration pages in CMS Student/HR.



STEP 11 MOVE ON TO CAMPUS

When you arrive, you'll find a crew of faculty, staff, and student volunteers ready to help you move into your room – we'll even help carry your stuff!

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