

CONGRATULATIONS! YOU'RE IN!

LOOK INSIDE FOR YOUR NEXT STEPS





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.





SEE IT TO BELIEVE IT

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](https://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."



LET US KNOW YOU'RE COMING!

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.

How do I confirm my enrollment?

- Go to **my.csumb.edu** and log in using your Otter ID and password.
- Click on "CMS Student/HR" on the right.
- Click on "Self-Service."
- Click on "Student Center."
- Scroll to the "Admissions" section.
- Select "Accept or Decline."
- Choose "Accept."

Once you accept your admission, you will be redirected to our online payment system to pay the mandatory \$100 enrollment confirmation deposit.

Our online payment system takes credit cards or e-checks.

If you wish to pay by check: make check payable to CSUMB and send to Office of Admission, 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.
- Click on "CMS Student/HR" on the right.
- 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.

When must I confirm my enrollment?

- All California residents must pay the \$100 enrollment confirmation fee by May 1.





CSUMB scientific diving students train by exploring the kelp tank at the Monterey Bay Aquarium.



MAKE IT OFFICIAL

STEP 3: SUBMIT OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS & TEST SCORES

Documents & Deadlines

	FRESHMAN	TRANSFER
Official transcripts	Submit by December 15.	Submit by December 15.
Final transcripts	Submit by July 8. (must show grad date)	Submit by July 8.
Early Assessment Program scores (EAP)	As soon as available – provide the Cal State system permission to release your EAP results.	Does not apply.
SAT scores (code 1945)	December test date – last date to take the test for priority admission consideration.	Not required for Upper Division transfer. Required for Lower Division transfer.
ACT scores (code 0321)	December test date – last date to take the test for priority admission consideration.	Not required for Upper Division transfer. Required for Lower Division transfer.
Entry Level Math placement exam (ELM)	If required, you must take the placement test by the May 5 test date.	Not required for Upper Division transfer. Required for Lower Division transfer.
English Proficiency Test placement exam (EPT)	If required, you must take the placement test by the May 5 test date.	Not required for Upper Division transfer. Required for Lower Division transfer.
Advanced Placement (AP) 1995	Submit official scores if you wish to receive college credit. Not all AP scores receive college credit.	

What do I need to submit? (see chart above)

- You need to submit official transcripts reflecting the coursework you've completed to date.
- Final transcript when you've completed all of your coursework.

When should I submit my transcripts? (see chart above)

- We must have a copy of your transcript on file in order to complete an initial verification of your admissions eligibility.

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 and in your CMS Student "To Do" list.

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

Mail transcripts

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

Electronic transcripts

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

DOLLARS AND SENSE

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 by the March 2 financial aid priority filing date, in order to maximize your financial aid package. Financial Aid applications can be submitted after March 2. 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



"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





MONEY MATTERS

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 2011–12 academic year. All costs listed are per semester and then totaled to estimate annual costs.

Consider this sample budget

		CALIFORNIA RESIDENTS	NON-RESIDENTS	COMMUTER
Tuition Fees Undergrad	Based on full-time enrollment and includes the \$100 non-refundable enrollment confirmation deposit.*	\$2,736*	\$2,736*	\$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	\$245.50
Nonresident Tuition Fees	Per credit charge to students who do not meet California state residency requirements	N/A	\$372 per unit	N/A
Room	Estimate based on a double in the residence halls. Other options are available. Go to CSUMB.EDU/housing for complete listing of prices.	\$2,856	\$2,856	\$0
Board	For residence hall students. For more information on dining services, visit the CSUMB.EDU/dining website to see dining options and meal plans.	\$1,700	\$1,700	\$0
Parking Permit	Required if you will be bringing a car to campus as a resident or commuter	\$54	\$54	\$54
Per Semester Total		\$7,591.50	\$13,543.50**	\$3,035.50**
Fall/Spring Combined Total		\$15,183	\$27,087**	\$6,071**

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

**Based on 16 units per semester

Additional costs to consider:

Books/Supplies	Books/supplies for courses vary per major.	\$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

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.

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.



MORE THAN A PLACE TO PUT YOUR STUFF...

STEP 6: APPLY FOR HOUSING

Living on campus at CSUMB creates the greatest 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?

When you are eligible after paying your 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)



Living on campus is the best way to connect to the university.

"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



Sixty percent of CSUMB students enjoy the convenience of living on campus in the North Quad Housing Complex and other residence halls and apartments.

"Living in the res halls at CSUMB is more than just part of the college experience. It has become my home away from home, my safe community, my opportunity to grow, learn, and find who I am."
– Nicole Corral



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

Suite Highlights

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

Building Amenities

- Laundry facilities
- Community kitchen
- Lounges

All resident rooms have:

- Wireless network connections
- Cable TV

(Utilities are included in the cost of housing.)

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

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.

START SMART

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.

Most upper-division transfers are exempt from taking these placement exams.

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 5 (see deadline on page 6).

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.



**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.*

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





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 result of "exempt" or college-ready on the Early Academic Assessment Program (EAP) test taken in spring of junior year of high school.	A result of "exempt" or college-ready on the Early Academic Assessment Program (EAP) test taken in spring of junior year of high school.
500 or above on the verbal section of the recentered College Board SAT: Reasoning Test taken April 1995 or after.	A result of "conditionally exempt" on the EAP and successful completion of an approved senior year experience in mathematics or related area.
470 or above on the verbal section of either the College Board SAT or SAT: Reasoning Test taken March 1995 or before.	550 or above on the mathematics section of the College Board SAT or on the College Board SAT subject Mathematics tests level I, II, or III (calculator).
22 or above on the enhanced ACT English test taken October 1989 or later.	23 or above on the enhanced ACT Mathematics test taken October 1989 or later.
22 or above on the American college testing (ACT) English usage test taken prior to October 1989.	24 or above on the ACT Mathematics test taken prior to October 1989.
3, 4, or 5 on either the language and composition or the composition and literature examination of the College Board Advanced Placement program.	3, 4, or 5 on the College Board Advanced Placement calculus examination (AB or BC) or the statistics examination.
680 or above on the College Board SAT: Writing section.	Completion and transfer to the CSU of a college course that satisfies the GE-Breadth requirement or the IGETC requirement in quantitative reasoning, provided such a course was completed with a grade of C or better.
600 or above on the College Board test in English composition with essay or the college Board SAT II: Writing Test taken March 1995 or before.	
Completion and transfer to the CSU of a college course that satisfies the GE-Breadth requirement or the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) requirement in English composition, provided such a course was completed with a grade of C or better.	

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



EARLY START

STEP 8: BE PREPARED – ENGLISH AND MATH SUCCESS

The CSU System recently enacted a policy known as “Early Start” that requires incoming students who do not demonstrate readiness for college-level math and/or English to begin remediation during the SUMMER before coming to any CSU.

The goal of Early Start is to better prepare students in math and English before their first semester of college, which will improve their odds of completing a college degree.

Here are some of the basics of Early Start:

- Early Start is required for incoming students who have not fulfilled:
 - Entry Level Math (ELM) and/or
 - English Placement Test (EPT) proficiency requirements.
- The program takes place the summer before freshmen year.
- Early Start Math and English courses will be available at every CSU campus, at a few community colleges, and online.
- Financial aid will be available for those who demonstrate need.
- Early Start program consists of one unit intensive options in English and math
- Each can be completed in one week, minimizing potential conflicts with work and family obligations.
 - Courses at CSUMB will be scheduled in the summer, details about times and dates will be posted at **CSUMB.EDU/earlystart**
 - Students may wish to take an approved course at their local community college. Be aware that space in traditional English and math developmental courses may be very limited at many community colleges
- If you are still in high school, please discuss Early Start and your EAP, EPT, ELM test scores with your counselor.

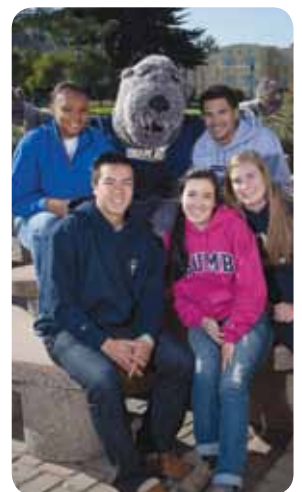
Who needs to participate in Early Start?

All first time students who have not demonstrated college readiness in:

- MATH with ELM score of less than 50
- ENGLISH with EPT score of less than 138

If I need to enroll for Early Start courses, what do I do?

- Once you have confirmed your enrollment, as outlined on page 5, CSUMB will notify you with detailed instructions on how to sign up for Early Start.





Who does not need to participate?

- Early Assessment Program (EAP) conditionally exempt in Math
- EAP English Conditionally Exempt/ERWC pilot students
- Students who meet the EPT and ELM exemptions outlined on the CSU Chancellor's Office website <http://www.calstate.edu/SAS/ept-elm-exemptions.shtml>
- International Students
- CSUMB EOP Summer Bridge Program

Can I appeal the requirements to participate in Early Start?

- Students can appeal based on circumstances beyond their control
- Visit CSUMB.EDU/appeals for appeal instructions



HAVE YOU GOT YOUR SHOTS?

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



Get ready for the enthusiasm of the O-team, the group of student leaders who will welcome you to campus and show you the ropes.



GET THE TOOLS YOU NEED TO SUCCEED

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.

PACK YOUR BAGS

STEP 11: MOVE ON TO CAMPUS

Move-in weekend at Monterey Bay is a blast. 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! After getting settled, head out to make some new friends at events such as comedy night, the welcome back dance, the ice cream social, and the president's welcome BBQ!

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With its sky box study rooms and 150,000 volumes, the Tanimura & Antle Family Memorial Library is a top study destination.

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loan pickup
library cards
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