



English & Math Proficiency

Demonstrating English and Math Proficiency is required for all entering CSU students at all CSU campuses, from Cal Maritime to Cal Poly to San Jose State to San Diego State. This is a great time to figure out how you will demonstrate YOUR proficiency in math and English. One way to do this is to sign up to take the CSU college placement exams called the ELM (math) and EPT (English) offered in February, March and April. If you wait until later in the spring to take these exams, you may have to take summer courses and may even be prevented from registering for fall college courses

Scores on other tests or some college courses may show proficiency and eliminate the need to take the ELM or EPT Tests.

You may be able to avoid taking the placement exams by showing proficiency in other ways. You can see all the items that waive the:

- ELM (math) test at <http://www.ets.org/csu/about/elm>
- EPT (English) test at <http://www.ets.org/csu/about/ept>

You would be waived from needing the examinations at any CSU campus if:

- You meet the minimum SAT or ACT score
- You meet the minimum EAP (Early Assessment Program) score
- You have taken and passed a qualifying college English course and/or qualifying college math course
- Click the links above for additional ways to be waived from taking the tests

If you are not waived from needing the placement exams by one of the methods above, then you should take the ELM and/or EPT at any CSU campus testing site (or arranged testing site for out-of-state students) between now and April. There is one test date each month in February, March and April at most testing sites. Here is a link to the testing dates and sites: <http://www.ets.org/csu/registration/>.

Early Start Program

California residents who do not pass one or either of these two tests (ELM and EPT) must enroll in and complete approved summer courses or they cannot enroll for any courses in the fall semester. For more information see our <http://www.csum.edu/web/admissions/early-start-program>.

Any questions with regards to the ELM and EPT can be directed to the Office of Admission at (707) 654-1330.