



Applying to California Polytechnic State University, SLO

Your Guide to the Admission Procedures & the Transfer Selection Process

The following pages contain specific information that you will need to complete the Cal Poly SLO application and the transfer supplemental section, as well as a list of Cabrillo courses that have been identified as the appropriate courses for each area of the transfer supplemental section.

If you have attended other colleges or universities, please meet with a counselor prior to applying to identify appropriate coursework from those institutions.

Before you begin, in order to accurately complete your application, the following information will be needed:

- ◆ The names of all colleges you have attended (have copies of all transcripts). Also, you should have copies of any AP, IB, or CLEP scores.
- ◆ Total units and dates of attendance.
- ◆ Courses you have completed and the grades earned from the college(s) you have attended.
- ◆ College courses you are currently taking and plan to take.

Note: If you are a fall applicant, DO NOT include courses you plan to take in the summer term prior to fall transfer on the transfer supplemental section (Screens 13 & 14).

- ◆ Articulation agreements for courses required by Cal Poly SLO (available at www.assist.org)

Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo Admission Process

All transfer applicants are admitted by a point-based academic evaluation of four separate categories. The four categories are weighted differently and combine to provide a final result used to assess applicants applying to the same major. The four categories are:

- ◆ **Section One: Specific Coursework for Applicants in the Intended Major**
 - You can find this information for each major at <http://admissions.calpoly.edu/applicants/transfer/criteria.html>
 - *Major preparation articulation agreements* are also available at www.assist.org.
- ◆ **Section Two: CSU General Education (GE) or IGETC Completion (completion not expected for high unit STEM majors)**
- ◆ **Section Three: Grade Point Average**
- ◆ **Section Four: Work Experience, Leadership, and Extra-Curricular Activity Participation**

Applying to Cal Poly San Luis Obispo

Cal Poly does not accept paper applications. All students (a few exceptions exist - see below) **must** apply on-line at www.csumentor.edu during the filing period(s) listed below. Cal Poly doesn't usually accept applications for winter or summer, but check their website to make sure:

<u>Term</u>	<u>Priority Filing Period</u>
Fall	October 1 – November 30 of the previous year
Summer	February 1-28 of the same year
Winter	June 1- 30 of the previous year

Changes to Your Application

To request a change to information submitted for Admission, please fill out the Transfer Applicant form on <http://admissions.calpoly.edu/applicants/appchanges.html> under the 'Submitting Changes' section. Please be specific with your changes and provide exact detail. You will receive notification once changes have been made to your application. Deadlines to submit changes to application are listed below:

Deadlines to Submit Changes

Academic Quarter

Deadline

Fall Quarter - Regular Decision	January 15
Fall Quarter – Art, Music & Arch Applicants	January 1

International Students and/or Students who have completed any of their Education Internationally

- ◆ If ALL of the student's college education was completed in the United States, completing the online application is appropriate.
- ◆ International students CANNOT use the online application to apply to Cal Poly if ALL of their college education was completed outside the United States. These students will need to use the Cal Poly International Application.
- ◆ United States citizens or immigrants that have completed ALL of their college education outside the United States must complete the CSU paper application.
- ◆ If PART of any student's education was completed outside of the United States, DO NOT INCLUDE THE INTERNATIONAL COURSES ON THE APPLICATION. Only list courses taken at U.S. schools. All students in this situation MUST write a letter to the Cal Poly San Luis Obispo Admission Office stating that they were educated outside of the United States as well as the following documents:
 - Official transcript(s) or official mark sheet(s) from secondary higher and/or tertiary institutions (students will be notified if international education requires a professional evaluation)
 - Grading scale
 - Course catalog with content descriptions
 - English translation of the official transcript(s) outlines above

The letter and the aforementioned documents must be sent immediately to Cal Poly State University, Office of Admissions, San Luis Obispo, CA, 93407-0031, USA. If the Admissions Office determines that an evaluation of the international education needs to be completed by a professional credentialing service, the student is responsible for paying any fee for the evaluation.

Former Cal Poly Students

If a student is reapplying to the same major in which they were previously enrolled, the student CANNOT use the online application to Cal Poly. They must complete the paper version of the California State University Undergraduate Application.

Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo Transfer Supplemental Section

Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo requires that all students complete the transfer supplemental section on Screens 13 and 14 of the CSU MENTOR Application. Please read the following information before entering the required information on Screens 13 and 14.

All Fall applicants:

- **Must have the following courses completed by the end of the spring term prior to Fall transfer to be considered for admission.**
 - ◆ 3 semester units of English Composition (Area A2 of the CSU GE pattern or Area 1A of IGETC)
 - ◆ 3 semester units of Speech or Oral Communication (Area A1 of the CSU GE pattern or Area 1C of IGETC)
 - ◆ 3 semester units of Critical Thinking (Area A3 of the CSU GE pattern or Area 1B of IGETC). **Note that Critical Thinking is NOT required for Engineering or Computer Science majors at Cal Poly- SLO.** Other CSUs may require Critical Thinking for engineering students.
 - ◆ 3 semester units of General Ed/Transfer Math (Area B4 of the CSU GE pattern or Area 2A of IGETC)
- **Must NOT include courses planned to take in the summer term prior to fall transfer on the transfer supplemental section.**
- **Must indicate "In Progress/Planned" in the grade field for fall and spring classes - even if grades have been received by the time the application is submitted.**

AP, IB, and CLEP Tests

If AP tests have been taken for any subject and a score of 3 or better has been received, students may enter three semester units of credit in the appropriate subject area, selecting "Credit/AP (3+)" for the grade. To get credit for CLEP tests, students need a passing score of 50 or better and IB Higher Level exams, a passing score of at least 4 or 5 (depending on the subject matter). Please see a counselor to get the exact number of credits for the CLEP and IB exams. To receive transfer credit for any AP, CLEP, or IB Examination, Cal Poly must receive an official test result from the testing service.

How to Enter Coursework

If a student took "Public Speaking" **AND** "Group Discussion," they would add separate courses for each under "Speech/Public Address/Oral Communication." If a student will have taken two semesters of "Analytical Geometry and Calculus" and one semester of "Differential Equations," they would specify three courses under "Analytical Geometry/Calculus/ Differential Equations/Engineering Calculus." **For most subject areas, students will probably only enter one or two courses.**

- ◆ Specify grades in the pop-up window that appears after clicking "Add Course".
- ◆ For courses in progress now or planned for completion before enrolling at Cal Poly (except in the summer prior to fall transfer), select "In Progress/Planned"*.
- ◆ If a No Pass ("NP") or Incomplete ("Inc") was earned, do not report the course.
- ◆ **Do not enter the same course more than once on the transfer supplemental section.** (Screens 13 and 14)
- ◆ Up to four courses in each subject area may be entered. **If more than four courses have been taken in any subject area, enter the four courses with the highest grades.**
- ◆ **All students must enter all courses appearing on their transcript for which they received an "A, B, C, D, F, or CR/Pass" grade that appropriately fit in the required categories, unless the field is full with four other courses appropriate for that category.**
- ◆ If courses that received "D" or "F" grades were repeated with a new grade of "C" or better and the transcript shows it as repeated, do not list the "D" or "F" graded course.

*Students must complete all courses listed on the application as “in progress” or “planned” with a grade of “C” (C- not acceptable) or better in order to validate terms of admission should the student be selected for conditional admissions.

Transfer Supplemental Section (screens 13 & 14 on the CSU Mentor application)

The list of courses on the CSU GE List (**YELLOW** GE handout) are identified as appropriate courses for each area of the transfer supplemental section. *If earlier coursework has been completed that does not appear on the CSU GE list but appeared on previous IGETC or CSU General Education lists, OR if other colleges or universities have been attended, please see a transfer counselor to assist with identifying appropriate areas of the transfer supplemental section for such coursework. Assist.org also shows GE areas for courses. Only CSU Transferable courses may be used in each area below.*

English Composition

Critical Thinking

Speech/Public Address/Oral Communication

Physical Sciences

Life Science

Physics (Trig.)

Physics (Calc.) ← Put Physics 4 sequence courses in this category

Chemistry

Pre-Calculus/College Algebra/Trigonometry/Math Analysis

Finite Math

Technical Calculus/Calculus for Business or Economics ← Do NOT put Math 5 sequence courses in this category.

Analytical Geometry/Calculus/Dif. Equations/Engineering Calculus ← Put Math 5ABC here. Linear Algebra can be put here if Linear Algebra is not listed in Major Related 1, 2, or 3 on the Supplemental Criteria.

Statistics

Fine Arts)

Foreign Language

Literature/Humanities

Philosophy

Anthropology/Geography/Social Science/Sociology

Economics

Government/Political Science

History

Psychology

Family Studies/Health Education/Nutrition/Physical Education/Recreation

Note: For the areas above, put courses with best grades first for each category. Once category is filled no additional courses need to be added. You MUST list all courses taken for each category if you do not have a surplus of courses for a given category. You may use “in progress/planned” courses to fill up a category however you MUST show completion of these “in progress/planned” courses prior to being admitted because Cal Poly acceptance will be conditioned on their completion. Do not include any courses on screens 14 & 15 that that you plan to take during the summer before the Fall semester that you start at Cal Poly.

Major Related Courses 1, 2, 3:

Make sure to click on the "**?Instructions**" link at the bottom of screen 14 to see which courses need to be listed in Major Related Courses 1, 2, & 3. Some academic departments at Cal Poly have selected courses that they consider "major-related" for application purposes. Please note that not all departments want courses listed in this section, however that does not mean that major course requirements in assist are not considered major/required courses once enrolled at Cal Poly SLO. The listing of major-related courses for "Major-Related 1," "Major-Related 2," and "Major-Related 3" are DIFFERENT and are used in the admission process.

Make sure to enter only the major-related courses listed in this section. **Some majors may not be listed, in which case you may have nothing to report in any or all of the Major-Related sections.** In this case, leave these items blank. If your major is listed AND you have taken the applicable class, then list the grade, the number of units, and the term type. Only grades for these specific courses should be entered in Major-Related courses. Failure to list appropriate courses in these fields may, and probably will, result in a denial for admission. **Do not enter the same course more than once on the transfer supplemental section.** **If you listed courses specified as Major Related 1, 2, or 3 in previous fields on screen 14 or 15, you must remove the courses from the previous fields and list them in the major related fields at the end of screen 15.**

If you have additional courses that you believe fit a major related section, those can be listed only AFTER listing all courses indicated in major related areas 1, 2, and 3 as shown below and in the selection criteria. <http://admissions.calpoly.edu/applicants/transfer/criteria.html>

Cal Poly STEM Major-Related # Courses

College/Majors	Major Related 1 As Shown in Selection Criteria	Major Related 2 As Shown in Selection Criteria	Major Related 3 As Shown in Selection Criteria
<i>College of Agriculture, Food, and Environmental Sciences:</i>			
Ag Science	Ag Ed: NEC, Ag Comm: NEC, Animal Science: NEC, Ag Sales Communication & Leadership: NEC Intro. to Soil Science: HORT 2	Ag Mechanics: NEC	Ag Machinery Safety: NEC
Bioresource and Agric. Engineering	Engr graphics: ENGR 25 , CAD: ENGR 25 , Surveying: ENGR 1A	Programming for Engr: ENGR 30 , or Comp Program for Sci & Engineers: NEC, or C and Unix Programming: NEC	Intro to Soil Science: HORT 2 Engr Statics: ENGR 35
Agricultural & Environmental Plant Sciences	Principles of Horti & Crop Science: NEC	Intro to Soil Science: HORT 2 , Fertilizers and Plant Nutrition: NEC	Accounting & Economics: ACCT 1A Econ: ECON 1A

Agricultural Systems Management	Engr Graphics: ENGR 25 , Soil Science: HORT 2 , Engr'ing Surveying: ENGR 1A	Accounting: ACCT 1A	Econ: ECON 1A
Environmental Earth & Soil Sciences	Intro to Soil Science: HORT 2 , Fertilizers & Plant Nut: NEC Surveying: ENGR 1A	Physical Geography: GEOL 1	
Environmental Management & Protection	Environmental Mgt: NEC, Dendrology: NEC, Intro to Organismal: NEC, Animal/Human Structure: NEC Intro to Soil Science: HORT 2	Physical Geology: GEOL 10	Engineering Surveying: ENGR 1A
Food Science	Intro Food Science: NEC, Customs & Culture: NEC, Nutrition: CAHM 20	Financial Acct: ACCT 1A	
Forestry and Natural Resources	Intro Forestry: NEC, Dendrology: NEC, Intro to Soil Science: HORT 2	Wildland Fire Control: NEC	Engineering Surveying: ENGR 1A
Wine and Viticulture	Global Wine and Viticulture: NEC Viticulture: NEC	Intro to Soil Science: HORT 2	Financial Acct: ACCT 1A
<i>College of Architecture and Environmental Design:</i>			
Architectural Engineering	Design and Visual Communication 1.1, 1.2, & 1.3: NECs	Engineering Statics : ENGR 35 Mechanics of Material: NEC	Structural CAD for Building Design: NEC Engineering Dynamics: NEC
Architecture	Design & Visual Communication 1.1, 1.2, 1.3: NECs	Prgr for Engrs: ENGR 30 Engineering Statics: ENGR 35 Mechanics of Material: NEC	Structural CAD: NEC Dynamics: NEC
Construction Management	Engineering Statics: ENGR 35 Mechanics of Material: NEC	Engineering Surveying: Engr 1A Structural CAD: NEC	Business Law: BUS 18 Non-Bus Major Acct: ACCT 1A
Landscape Architecture	General Botany: BIO 1C	Electives allows (see notes in Selection Criteria)	
<i>College of Business:</i>			
Industrial Technology	Financial Accounting: ACCT 1A	Electrical/Mech Systems: NEC Electronic Systems: NEC	

<u>College of Engineering:</u>			
Aerospace Engineering	Engineering Statics: ENGR 35	Materials Engineering: ENGR 45	Electrical Circuit Theory : ENGR 15 Electric Circuits Lab: ENGR 15
Biomedical, General, & Materials Engineering	Engineering Statics: ENGR 35 Materials Engineering: ENGR 45 Materials Lab: ENGR 45	Computer Programming: CS 11 or CS 19 or ENGR 30	Electrical Circuit Theory : ENGR 15 Electric Circuits Lab: ENGR 15
Industrial & Manufacturing Engineering	Engineering Statics: ENGR 35 Materials Engineering: ENGR 45 Materials Lab: ENGR 45	C/Unix Computer Programming:NEC	Electrical Circuit Theory : ENGR 15 Electric Circuits Lab: ENGR 15
Mechanical Engineering	Engineering Statics: ENGR 35 Materials Engineering: ENGR 45 Materials Lab: ENGR 45	Computer Programming: CS 11 or CS 19 or ENGR 30 Engineering Design Comm. 1: ENGR 25 and ENGR 26	Electrical Circuit Theory : ENGR 15 Electric Circuits Lab: ENGR 15
Civil Engineering	Engineering Statics: ENGR 35	Design Principles in Civil Eng: NEC CAD in Civil Engineering: ENGR 25	Materials Engineering: ENGR 45 Material Lab: ENGR 45 Surveying: ENGR 1A
Computer Engineering	Engineering Statics: ENGR 35 Materials Engineering: ENGR 45 Materials Lab: ENGR 45	Computer Science I: CS 11 or CS19 Computer Science II: CS 19 or 20J	Electrical Circuits I: ENGR 15 Electrical Circuits II: ENGR 15
Computer Science, Software Engineering	Computer Science I: CS 11 or CS 19	Computer Science II: CS 19 or 20J	Computer Science III: CS 21
Electrical Engineering	Fundamental of Comp Science I: CS 11 or CS 19	Electric Circuit Analysis I: ENGR 15 Electric Circuit Analysis II: ENGR 15	None
Environmental Engineering	Engineering Statics: ENGR 35 Programming for Engr Students: ENGR 30	CAD in Civil Engineering: ENGR 25	Mechanics of Materials I & II: NEC Programming for Engr Students: NEC

<i>College of Science and Math:</i>			
Biochemistry	Microbiology: BIO 6		
Biological Sciences Marine Sciences	Cellular Biology: BIO 1A General Botany: BIO 1C General Zoology: BIO 1B		
Chemistry			
Mathematics	Linear Algebra I: MATH 6	Fund Computer Science: CS 11 or CS 19	
Microbiology	History of Life: N/A Cellular Biology: BIO 1A Intro to Ecology & Evolution: N/A	General Microbiology: BIO 6	
Statistics	Linear Algebra: MATH 6	Fundamentals of Computer Science: CS 11 or CS 19	
Physics			

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