

**California State University San Marcos**

San Marcos, CA

**Freshman Admission Requirements**
**Entrance Difficulty**

Moderately Difficult: More than 75% of freshmen were in the top 50% of their high school class and scored over 1010 on the SAT I or over 18 on the ACT; about 85% or fewer of all applicants accepted.

**HIGH SCHOOL PREPARATION**

High School Graduation	High school diploma required and GED is accepted
High School Program	College preparatory program is required

**High School Units Required or Recommended**

Subject	Required Units	Recommended Units
English	4	
Mathematics	2	4
Science	2	
Foreign Language	2	
Social Studies		
History	2	
Academic Electives	1	

**Examinations**

Exam	Required Units	Scores Due in Admissions Office
SAT or ACT	Required	February 15
SAT Only		
ACT Only		
SAT and SAT Subject Tests, or ACT		
SAT Subject Tests Only		
SAT Essay Component Policy	Accepted with or without essay component	
ACT Writing Test Policy	Accepted with or without writing component	
ACT Writing Test Policy	SAT: No policy as of now ACT: No policy as of now	

**Applying for Admission**
**Admissions Office**

Address	333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road
City, State, Zip	San Marcos, CA 92096-0001
Phone	(760) 750-4848
Fax	(760) 750-4030
E-mail	<a href="mailto:apply@csusm.edu">apply@csusm.edu</a>

**Application Dates and Fees**

Regular Admisson Deadline	
Application Fee	\$55
Application Fee Waiver	Available
Regular Admission Notification	Rolling
Accept Offer of Admission	By May 1 or within 4 weeks if notified after May 1
Waiting List Used	No
Defer Admission	Student cannot defer admission

**Transfer Admission**                      **Transfer applications accepted**

**Early Admission**

Early Decision Offered	No
Early Decision Deadline	
Early Decision Notification	
Early Action Offered	No
Early Action Deadline	
Early Action Notification	

**Application Form**

Common Application	Not accepted
Universal College Application	Not accepted
Electronic Application	<a href="https://www2.calstate.edu/apply/">https://www2.calstate.edu/apply/</a>

**Other Application Requirements**

Interview	Not Required
Essay or Personal Statement	
Letters of Recommendation	
Other	
Financial Need	

**Selection of Students**

Factor	Very Important	Important	Considered	Not Considered
Rigor of Secondary School Record				X
Academic GPA	X			
Standardized Tests	X			
Class Rank				X
Recommendations				X
Essay				X
Interview				X
Level of Applicant's Interest				X
Extracurricular Activities				X
Volunteer Work				X
Particular Talent/Ability			X	
Character/Personal Qualities			X	
First Generation to Attend College				X
State Residency			X	
Geographic Residence			X	
Relation with Alumnus			X	
Religious Affiliation/Commitment				X
Ethnicity				X
Work Experience				X

**Profile of Fall Admission**

Overall Admission Rate	58% of 17,648 applicants were admitted
Women	61% of 11,064 applicants were admitted
Men	55% of 6,584 applicants were admitted
Students Enrolled	4,273 (41%) of 10,311 admitted students enrolled
Women	2,748 (41%) of 6,703 admitted students enrolled
Men	1,788 (50%) of 3,608 admitted students enrolled
Early Decision Admission Rate	
Early Action Admission Rate	
Students Offered Wait List	
Students Accepting Wait List Position	
Students Admitted From Wait List	

**Grade Point Average of Enrolled Freshmen (4.0 scale)**

Average GPA	<b>3.38</b>
3.75 and Above	<b>16%</b>
3.50 - 3.74	<b>20%</b>
3.25 - 3.49	<b>22%</b>
3.00 - 3.24	<b>21%</b>
2.50 - 2.99	<b>19%</b>
2.00 - 2.49	<b>2%</b>

**SAT Scores of Enrolled Freshmen**

<b>SAT Math</b>	<b>500-605 range of middle 50%</b>
Score of 700 - 800	<b>0%</b>
Score of 600 - 700	<b>22%</b>
Score of 500 - 600	<b>67%</b>
Score of 400 - 500	<b>11%</b>
Score of 300 - 400	<b>0%</b>
Score of 200 - 300	<b>0%</b>
<b>SAT EBRW</b>	<b>460-630 range of middle 50%</b>
Score of 700 - 800	<b>0%</b>
Score of 600 - 700	<b>33%</b>
Score of 500 - 600	<b>22%</b>
Score of 400 - 500	<b>45%</b>
Score of 300 - 400	<b>0%</b>
Score of 200 - 300	<b>0%</b>

**ACT Scores of Enrolled Freshmen**

ACT Composite	<b>17-22 range of middle 50%</b>
Score of 30 - 36	<b>1%</b>
Score of 24 - 29	<b>14%</b>
Score of 18 - 23	<b>56%</b>
Score of 12 - 17	<b>29%</b>
Score of 6 - 11	<b>0%</b>
Score of 5 or Below	<b>0%</b>

**Other Qualifications of Enrolled Freshmen**

High School Class Rank	
National Merit Scholar	<b>Not reported</b>
Valedictorian	<b>Not reported</b>
Class President	<b>Not reported</b>
Student Government Officer	<b>Not reported</b>



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