

FAQ – Graduate Program

Which term do you accept applications?

We are on the quarter system, and only accept for the Fall quarter.

When is your application due?

You will need to apply to both the university and the department.

The university application due dates are posted at

<http://www20.csueastbay.edu/prospective/how-to-apply/deadlines-for-application/index.html>

The university application is at www.csumentor.edu

The department accepts applications from January 1 through Feb. 15.

The department application is at

http://class.csueastbay.edu/commsci/Apply_to_Program.php

How much does it cost to attend CSUEB?

Fee information is at <http://www20.csueastbay.edu/students/student-services/register/fees.html>

Do you require the GRE or other test as part of the application process?

No, the GRE or other test is not required.

My degree is not in communication disorders; can I still apply to your graduate program?

Yes. You would apply to our graduate program in “conditionally classified” status. This means that though you are admitted to our graduate program, you first must complete the undergraduate degree equivalency, or prerequisite classes, before moving on to the actual graduate program.

How many people apply to your program?

For those with a degree in communication disorders, we usually have 100-150 apply. For those without, between 80 and 100.

What is the average GPA of those you accept?

This can change from year to year depending on the strength of the pool applying. It's usually around 3.5 or so, but some years it can be lower and in others, higher. The university's official GPA requirement is 2.5, and we rarely admit students under a 3.0.

How long is your graduate program?

With a degree in communication disorders, about 2 years. Without a degree in communication disorders, it will take you 4 years to complete the program, 2 years for the prerequisite courses and 2 years for the actual graduate degree program.

When are your courses offered?

The prerequisite courses are offered during the week Monday through Thursday, though not every day. Usually they are on a once-a-week, or twice-a-week schedule. Graduate courses are usually offered in the evening to allow students' daytime placement in their clinical experiences, in which therapy is provided to clients under licensed supervision.

Where are your courses offered?

The department courses are only offered on the Hayward campus. For those who need to complete the prerequisite courses, some requirements outside of our department may be offered at the Concord campus.

Do you have a distance learning program?

Not at this time.

If my degree is in another field but I have taken some of the prerequisite courses before, will I have to take them again?

If you have taken any of these courses in your previous studies, you will not have to retake them here. The one exception is Human Anatomy, which should be retaken if not taken fairly recently. These can all be taken after you are admitted to our graduate program in "conditionally classified" status.

How can I be sure those classes will transfer in?

If you took them at a California college or university, you can use www.assist.org to research courses that would transfer in to CSUEB.

I can't tell for sure which classes I have taken that will transfer in. Can you meet with me to go over transcripts?

No, unfortunately we do not have staffing to do any type of transfer/transcript evaluations for students not admitted to our program. You can use the prerequisite or undergraduate course lists posted at our website, the CSUEB university catalog course descriptions, and the catalog course descriptions from the university you attended to self-advise.

Can I start taking the prerequisite classes now to prepare to apply for the next cycle?

You can certainly take the lower division courses at a junior college. The lower division courses on the prerequisite list start with a 1xxx or a 2xxx. You can use www.assist.org to select the right courses to take. Note that if Human Anatomy and Physiology is offered as two separate courses elsewhere, you only need to take the Anatomy course. The upper division courses at CSUEB start with a 3xxx or a 4xxx, and cannot be taken at a junior college.

I would like to start the prerequisite classes at CSUEB though I'm not admitted to the graduate program. Will the department let me?

No. This is because CSUEB is not accepting post-baccalaureate applications at this time, either unclassified or 2nd baccalaureate.

Can I visit your department?

Yes, but by appointment only. We are happy to make 10:00 a.m. Friday appointments with you to give you a facilities tour. You may wish to coordinate your visit with a Hayward campus walking tour (more information on the walking tours is at 510.885.2556.) We also will schedule Open Houses about our graduate program periodically throughout the year.

Can I sit in on any classes?

No, we do not allow non-admitted students to observe classes.

If you have further questions, feel free to email csd@csueastbay.edu or call 510.885.3233.