

Upper Division and Major Impaction at Cal State Fullerton FAQs

Impaction means that there are more applications for a campus or a major than can be accommodated. In order to ensure that capacity is not exceeded, more rigorous standards are applied to the applicant pool.

Cal State Fullerton is impacted at the Upper Division Transfer (UDT) level and it has 12 impacted majors.

Campus Impaction: Under campus impaction, a local area is defined and approved by the CSU Chancellor's office. Students within the local area can be admitted with minimum eligibility unless they are applying to an impacted major.

The local area for Cal State Fullerton includes all Orange County Community Colleges.

FAQs Campus Impaction:

- Q:** If a student attends more than one community college, and only one of the schools is in the local area, will they qualify as a local area student?
- A:** *To be eligible as a local area student, an applicant must have completed the majority of their transferrable units at an Orange County Community College.*
- Q:** Will any California State University campuses be open for the Winter or Spring 2010 term?
- A:** *Most CSU Campuses will be closed for the Spring 2010 term. A listing of campuses that are accepting applications can be found at https://secure.csumentor.edu/filing_status/.*
- Q:** What is the grade point average (GPA) requirement for students who are applying from outside of the local area?
- A:** *Students who are outside of the local area will need more than the minimum 2.0 GPA. Last year's cutoff for out-of-area students was 2.5 and this year's number will depend on the size and strength of the total applicant pool. If a student applies for an impacted major that requires an even higher GPA, the student will need to meet the higher GPA requirement.*

Major Impaction: Under major impaction, every student, whether they are a local-area student or out-of-local area student, competes for a space in the major.

Impacted majors include:

College of Business (all programs) Psychology	College of Communications (all programs) Sociology	College of Health and Human Development (all majors)	History
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- Q:** Other than GPA, what additional criteria will be used in determining eligibility?
- A:** *At Cal State Fullerton, grades are used as the determining factor. At this time there is no supplemental application material that will be considered for admission into an impacted major.*
- Q:** How will eligibility be determined within each impacted program?
- A:** *Through ongoing analysis, the campus can project yield or "take" rates within a given application category. Under major impaction, after all applications are received and the campus has reviewed who is in the applicant pool, a target grade point average will be set for the purposes of admission into impacted majors.*
- Q:** Will each major have the same GPA requirement?
- A:** *Individual majors will have their own GPA requirements set based on the number of applicants and competitiveness within the total pool.*
- Q:** If a student applies for an impacted major but specifies an alternate (non-impacted) major as a second choice on their application, will they be admitted into their second choice (non-impacted) major if they do not meet the criteria for their impacted program of choice?
- A:** *Cal State Fullerton only reviews the first-choice major. Students who apply for and are not admitted into an impacted program will not be admitted to the university even if an alternative major is specified.*