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Educational Opportunity Program (EOP)

The Educational Opportunity Program Office functions as the home base for all Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) students once they have been admitted to the University. The Educational Opportunity Program is a state-funded program open to residents of the State of California only, whose purpose is to retain and graduate low-income, first-generation college students.

Student Support Services (SSS) is funded by the United States Department of Education to provide academic support services to low-income, first-generation students. Students who are not eligible to apply through EOP (residents of states other than California) may be eligible to apply to participate.

All EOP students are offered support services designed to assist them in overcoming the many obstacles that a new educational and social environment may present. The various services are described below.



EOP Admissions provides admissions assistance for historically low-income and first-generation college students. Students may be academically underprepared or lacking the subject requirements, grades, or test scores normally required for college attendance, but have demonstrated the potential for academic success. To apply through EOP go to the CSU Mentor Web site at: <http://www.csumentor.edu/planning/eop/>. For more information call 530-898-4028.

Orientation Programs are designed to assist students with their transition to California State University, Chico. Freshmen and transfer students benefit from programs such as Summer Orientation and a half-day orientation prior to the start of the fall semester. In addition there is an orientation program for spring transfer students. First year students benefit from extended programs such as Summer Bridge, EOP Course-Link, and the opportunity to live on campus. All first-time freshmen will also enroll in an orientation class designed to help their transition to college life. These students will have a head start establishing the support and friendships necessary for a successful college experience.

Support Services begin with our students' first year of attendance, and continue throughout their career as students at CSU, Chico.

EOP takes an active approach in assisting with our students' academic progress. EOP provides activities such as academic advising, peer counseling, individual and group counseling, monitoring academic progress, and regular contact with faculty and major advisors.

Students also benefit from learning assistance workshops, tutorial assistance, social and cultural activities, career planning assistance, assistance with graduate and professional school applications, short-term loans, and financial aid advising.

Student Learning Center (SLC)

The Student Learning Center is a multifaceted program offering comprehensive academic enhancement activities outside of the traditional classroom.

The Student Learning Center's goal is to help students become independent and effective learners so that they may be better prepared to meet the academic standards of the University and their own educational goals.



The center, located on the fourth floor of Meriam Library, is available free of charge to all students.

Study skills assistance is available through informational workshops and appointments in time management, note-taking and review, reading and study efficiency, concentration and memory, and preparing for and taking exams.

Tutorial assistance is offered for undergraduate courses, such as accounting, biology, chemistry, math, and a variety of languages. Assistance is provided on a one-to-one basis or in a small group by appointment, and can be set up as ongoing throughout the semester. All tutors, who are recommended by faculty, are students who are knowledgeable and committed to helping others succeed. The focus of tutoring is to help students attain specific educational goals while enhancing their overall abilities as a student.

Supplemental Instruction (SI) offers peer facilitated workshops for challenging General Education courses. SI workshops help students understand the course material better while improving academic skills, in an interactive, supportive, small-group atmosphere. Reading comprehension, time management, note-taking, and test-taking skills/techniques are developed, reinforced, and integrated into the course content.