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. 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 through the Educational Opportunity Program for students who are historically low-income and educationally disadvantaged. Students may be academically under-prepared or lacking the subject requirements, grades, or test scores normally required for college attendance, but have demonstrated the potential for academic success. All freshman EOP applicants are automatically considered for the Freshman Year Experience.

For more information or to request an EOP application, call 530-898-4028.

Orientation Programs are offered to all new low-income students. Services include academic advising and registration assistance, information on major and career options, presentations on available support services, and an introduction to university life and the Chico environment.

The Freshman Year Experience program is funded by the United States Department of Education Student Support Services grant 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 in the Freshman Year Experience. This year-long living and learning experience is designed to assist EOP freshmen with their transition to California State University, Chico. These students benefit from a Summer Bridge program, in addition to an orientation prior to the start of the fall semester. During their first year, participants will be enrolled as a group in a block of general education classes and have the opportunity to live in an on-campus residence hall. All students will 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.

EOP 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 a financial aid advisor.

EOP advisors maintain close contact with students by serving as advisors to several student organizations and teaching EOP orientation classes.