



College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics Spring 2010

# Welcome!



As a declared science or math major, you are now part of the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics (CNSM) community. The summer is quickly

approaching and you'll soon begin your transition to college life. In order to help you make well-informed decisions during this transition, CNSM has put together **PASSPORT TO SUCCESS**, which provides 10 steps to help you make a positive transition to CSULB.

These steps include submitting your Admitted Student Reply, enrolling in a **mandatory** academic advising workshop, completing CSU- and CNSM-required placement exams and submitting final documents. Read on for more details!

This is a general reminder for all incoming CNSM freshmen, and you may have additional deadlines and responsibilities specific to your circumstance. Please consult your CSULB mailings. More detailed information on deadlines, requirements, and programs introduced in the **PASSPORT TO SUCCESS** can be found on the Jensen SAS Center website at [www.sascenter.org](http://www.sascenter.org) or by calling (562) 985-4682.

We look forward to meeting and working with you!

## CNSM Orientation Program and Advising Workshop

**F**reshman math and science majors have two unique programs designed to help you acclimate to life at *The Beach*.

**Science & Math Safari to Success** is an orientation program to introduce freshmen and their family members to co-curricular and student support resources. Students participate in activities, meet faculty members and interact with current CNSM students and organization leaders. This CNSM orientation program is **Monday, July 12**.

**Student Orientation, Advising, and Registration (SOAR)** is the CSULB-sponsored academic advising program where students learn about general education requirements and receive assistance with registering for classes. **ALL NEW STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND SOAR.** An exclusive CNSM/SOAR freshmen workshop takes place on **Tuesday, July 13**.

Registration information for these two separate programs can be found at [www.sascenter.org](http://www.sascenter.org) (first click on "Orientation," then select "Freshmen").



## Register and Complete English Placement Test (EPT) and/or Entry Level Math (ELM) exams (if required)

Most freshmen are required to complete the EPT/ELM. Exemption status and/or required placement tests are printed on the official Notice of Admission, the EPT/ELM Information Bulletin, and/or your registration access mailer. You can complete these placement exams at any Cal State campus and request your scores be sent to CSULB. Completing the EPT/ELM by **May 1, 2010** ensures that your exam results will be available to help SOAR advisors assist your selection of appropriate classes. Register online with [Testing and Evaluation Services](#) or contact them at (562) 985-4007 for more information.

### EPT/ELM Registration Deadline

Friday, March 5, 2010

Friday, April 16, 2010

### EPT/ELM Test Date

Saturday, March 20, 2010 (*preferred date for CNSM freshmen*)

Saturday, May 1, 2010

Exempt from EPT and/or ELM? Students who earned specific test scores or college credit from the SAT, ACT, EAP, Advanced Placement (AP), and/or a college course MAY be exempt from the EPT/ELM. For additional placement information, see Steps 6 & 7.



## Attend CSULB Open House Tuesday, April 6

This free event, geared toward incoming freshmen, family members, and guests, provides information on CNSM and student-support resources, as well as an opportunity to explore our beautiful campus. Contact [University Outreach and School Relations](#) or by phone at (562) 985-5358 for more information.



## Return Admitted Student Reply Form

Save your space at CSULB by completing and returning your Admitted Student Reply Form to be read by **May 3rd**. Use your *MyCSULB* account to access and complete the form, or call the CSULB Enrollment Services at (562) 985-5471 if you have other questions.



## Enroll in both SOAR (Student Orientation, Advising, and Registration) & Science & Math Safari to Success

**SOAR** introduces freshmen to CSULB policies/procedures and assists with registering for classes. An exclusive CNSM/SOAR Freshmen workshop on **Tuesday, July 13** also includes advisement from CNSM faculty and a presentation of the services and resources available to all CNSM majors. SOAR registration opens mid-April. Hurry...this SOAR session fills up fast! Visit the SOAR Web site or call (562) 985-5515 for more information.

**Science & Math Safari to Success** is an orientation program sponsored by the Jensen SAS Center and the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, and will take place on **Monday, July 12**. Science Safari connects incoming majors with each other, faculty, staff, and current students. Parents and family members are welcome.



### Take the necessary documents with you to SOAR

You'll need the following documents when you attend SOAR: CSULB Notice of Admission; SOAR Confirmation Letter; identification with picture; CSULB Parking Permit (sent with your SOAR Confirmation); and (if applicable) copies of AP/IB exam results, community college transcripts, SAT/ACT scores, and EPT/ELM scores.



### Take the Math Diagnostic Placement Test (MDPT)

Planning to enroll in Pre-Calculus or Calculus at CSULB? You'll need to complete the Math Diagnostic Placement Test (MDPT) offered at CSULB **Monday, July 12**. Information is available at the [CSULB Mathematics Department](#) or by calling at (562) 985-4721.



### Complete the Chemistry Placement Test (CPT)

If you have NOT completed your first semester of a one-year course in General Chemistry (with laboratory) and you plan to enroll in the first course of General Chemistry this fall, you're required to complete the CPT. Contact Testing and Evaluation Services at (562) 985-4007 to request a registration packet. The cost for test is \$10. The CPT is only offered to CNSM majors at CSULB on **Monday, July 12**.



### Submit Final Transcripts and Other Documents to CSULB

The deadline is **mid-July** and may include high school/community college transcripts and/or college credit exams (i.e. AP and IB). Failure to meet this deadline may result in disenrollment from CSULB. Contact CSULB Enrollment Services at (562) 985-5471 for additional information.



### Pay Your CSULB Fees

After registering for classes during SOAR, you have 30 days to pay your fees using *MyCSULB* or in person at the Cashiers' Office (Brotman Hall-155). Receiving Financial Aid? Review your Financial Aid Award Letter or contact Financial Aid at (562) 985-8403 to verify that your fees have been deferred, which means your anticipated award will pay for your CSULB fees.



### It's Official...You're a 49er

After attending SOAR and enrolling in classes, you have the rest of the summer to enjoy. Fall 2010 classes begin **Monday, August 30**.

## College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics Key Contacts

### Biological Sciences

PH1-109 (562) 985-4806

www.csulb.edu Search: Biological Sciences

*Undergraduate Advisors*

*Biology and Biology Education:* David Huckaby

*Botany, Ecology, and Zoology:* David Huckaby

*Marine Biology:* Gwen Goodmanlowe

*Microbiology:* Vern Eveland

*Physiology:* Balwant Khatra

*Cell & Molecular:* Kay Lee-Fruman

### Chemistry and Biochemistry

MLSC-304 (562) 985-4941

www.csulb.edu Search: Chemistry

*Undergraduate Advisor:* Roger Acey

### Environmental Science and Policy

SS/PA-340 (562) 985-4809

www.csulb.edu Search: Environmental Science

*Undergraduate Advisor:* Paul Laris

### Geological Sciences

PH1-104 (562) 985-4809

www.csulb.edu Search: Geology

*Undergraduate Advisor:* Rick Behl

### Mathematics and Statistics

FO3-120 (562) 985-4721

www.csulb.edu Search: Mathematics

*Undergraduate Advisor:* William Murray

### Physics and Astronomy

PH1-210 (562) 985-4924

www.csulb.edu Search: Physics

*Undergraduate Advisor:* Galen Pickett

### Science Education

FO5-118 (562) 985-4801

www.csulb.edu Search: Science Education

*Credential Advisors:* Jim Kisiel & Laura Henriques



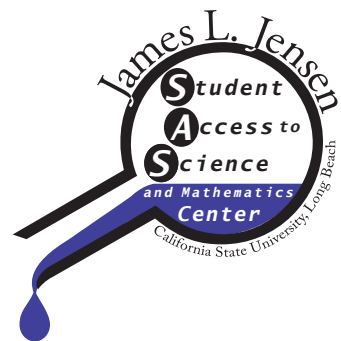
### Jensen SAS Center

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### The Jensen SAS Center

*The James L. Jensen Student Access to Science and Mathematics Center, also known as the Jensen SAS Center, serves as the main center for disseminating information to CSNM students. It also serves to support, prepare, and advance the education of students in all fields of science and mathematics through active participation in research, scholarship, and co-curricular activities. We are committed to meeting students' needs by offering individual advisement, professional development workshops, and supportive resources designed to encourage student success. Supported by the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, all declared science and mathematics students are automatically members of the Jensen SAS Center and may take advantage of all it has to offer.*

*Our Center acts as an umbrella for services designed to encourage and support CNSM students as they prepare for science and mathematics-based careers. Resources include orientation programs for incoming freshmen and transfer students; free, drop-in science and math tutoring; pre-health professions advisement; general education advising; research and scholarship opportunities; career and graduate school preparation workshops; and access to a study lounge and computer lab. Please contact our staff if you have any questions or concerns.*