CLS Admission Prerequisites - UPDATED June 2014

1. **Baccalaureate degree** in biological sciences or chemistry, including the following **required** courses:
   - **18 semester units (27 quarter units)** in **Biology**, including:
     - Immunology
     - Hematology (lab recommended)
     - Medical Microbiology (lab recommended)
   - Recommended courses: Bacteriology, Mycology, Virology, Parasitology, Molecular biology, genetics, anatomy/physiology.
   - **16 semester units (24 quarter units)** in **Chemistry**, including:
     - Biochemistry
     - Quantitative Analysis
   - **3 semester units (4.5 quarter units)** in **Physics**, including:
     - a course covering the principles of light and electricity.
   - **3 semester units (4.5 quarter units)** in **college Mathematics**

   The courses above are required by California Administrative Code, Title 17, Section 1033, to obtain a CLS Trainee License from Laboratory Field Services. **No substitutions or waivers are allowed.**

   **All courses must be completed prior to application. A B.S. degree must be posted.**

2. Minimum GPA of **3.0**, as per Graduate Studies requirement.

3. U.S. citizenship or permanent resident visa.

4. Proof of Hepatitis B vaccination or immunity to HBV.

5. Application to the university through CSU Mentor. See “Spring/Fall Application Process” instructions, under “How to Apply” on the website.

6. Proof of health insurance is required for all CLS interns.

**Applicants with foreign transcripts:**

1. Before you apply to the SFSU CLS Internship Program you must have your foreign transcripts evaluated by the Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (AACRAO), then you apply directly to Laboratory Field Services (LFS) for a CLS Trainee License, https://secure.cps.ca.gov/cltreg/cls_trainee_info.asp

Laboratory Field Services requires non-U.S. educational transcripts to be evaluated (course-by-course) by the Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (AACRAO).
2. Applicants with foreign transcripts should NOT apply to the CLS Internship Program until a CLS Trainee License OR a form letter from Laboratory Field Services (LFS) stating what courses you are missing has been received.

Complete all missing courses BEFORE applying to the CLS program.

You must include a copy of the CLS Trainee license or the LFS form letter with your application to the CLS program.

2. The SFSU Graduate Division requires the following documents to apply to the university:

a) Original foreign transcripts.

b) A TOEFL test which has been taken within the 2 years prior to application. The minimum TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) score is 550 (or 213 for the computer-based test) for students whose native language is not English or as required by the SFSU Graduate Division.