

No course with a grade below *C* may apply on an approved program for the master's degree.

To be eligible for advancement to candidacy, a student must have earned at least a *B* average (overall, program, and California State University, Fresno) on all coursework completed after the date of embarking on the first course to be included in the master's degree program.

To be eligible for enrollment in the thesis or project, a student must have been advanced to candidacy and must have maintained a minimum grade point average of *B* on his or her approved program.

To be eligible for the granting of the master's degree, a student must have maintained a *B* average on his or her complete approved program as well as on all courses after and including the first semester's work on the program. Any grade earned in a course on the approved program continues to figure in the grade point average, even if that course is for any reason later dropped from the program.

To be eligible to receive the master's degree *with distinction*, a student must have earned at least a 3.9 grade point average on all coursework taken from the first semester of the approved master's degree program. A minimum GPA of 3.9 must also be attained on the approved program to qualify.

Appeals and Petitions

Graduate (master's degree) students wishing to request substitutions or modifications in a department's degree requirements should initiate their request through the department's graduate committee. Requests for exceptions to established university policies governing graduate study may be addressed to the dean, Division of Graduate Studies and also to the university Graduate Committee. Grade protests must be submitted to the Student Academic Petitions Committee through the director of advising services according to university policy. Information concerning grade protest procedures and dispute resolution is available in the Office of the Dean of Student Affairs.

Application for the Master's Degree to be Granted

An application for the master's degree to be granted (which includes the graduation fee payable at the Cashier's Window in Joyal Administration Building) must be filed within the first two weeks of the semester in which the work is to be completed. In addition, applicants must be enrolled (see *Continuous Enrollment*). During the summer, the application should be filed before the end of the second week of the first summer session. (See *Academic Calendar* and *Fees and Expenses* in this catalog and the *Schedule of Courses*.) Graduation application forms are available in the Evaluations Office. Prior to filing a request for the master's degree to be

granted, the student should check with the graduate adviser of the master's program concerned in order to ensure that all program requirements have been, or will soon be, completed.

Once all requirements for the degree to be granted have been met, it is the student's responsibility to ensure that all necessary paperwork, including the Master's Degree Clearance, is submitted to the Division of Graduate Studies by the published deadlines. Diplomas for those completing degree requirements will be awarded approximately three months after the end of the semester or final summer session.

Failure to complete requirements for the degree during the semester (or summer) of the application necessitates the filing of a new application, including a reapplication fee, for the semester of actual completion. Such reapplication is subject to the same time schedule as the original application.

COURSE

Graduate Studies (G S)

300T. Topics in Graduate Studies (1-3; max total 12)

Topics related to the nature of graduate education, to the purpose and background of research and scholarly activity in the graduate enterprise, including participation in aspects of ongoing research conducted by faculty.