

the unit requirement for the master's degree. The total contract program must include the following:

1. At least 24 units of the program must be Fresno State College residence credit, 6 units of which must have been taken on the Fresno campus prior to enrolling for the thesis or project or for a seminar alternative to the thesis.
2. Of the 30 units for the degree, not more than 6 units may consist of any combination of student teaching, extension courses, or transfer credit. Student teaching credit is not ordinarily used on master's degree programs. In unusual circumstances, if student teaching is demonstrably appropriate to a program, up to 3 units of such work may be approved by the Committee on Graduate Study. Credit by examination may be used to fulfill prerequisites, but may not apply toward the 30 units.
3. With approval of departmental graduate adviser, post-baccalaureate credit allowed for work taken in the final semester or summer session of the senior year may be applied toward a master's degree, if it meets master's degree criteria in all respects. See *Post-Baccalaureate Credit*.
4. At least 12 units must be in courses designed primarily for master's degrees (numbered in the 200 series). Some majors require more than 12 units of 200 series course work.
5. At least 10 units must be completed after advancement to candidacy. Work taken during the semester of advancement may apply on this requirement.
6. Appropriate course work from a field other than the major may be required at the discretion of the major department.
7. Appropriate provision must be made for a thesis, a project, or, when permitted, a seminar alternative.

It is the student's responsibility to complete the specific courses listed on his contract program. Once a contract program has been approved by the Committee on Graduate Study, it may be changed only on the written request of the student and his department or division adviser and with the approval of the Graduate Office. Forms for requesting such program adjustment are available in the Graduate Office.

#### THESIS REQUIREMENT

Most master's degree curricula at Fresno State College require the preparation of a thesis or a project. For the master of arts degree in education and for the master of science degrees in business, mathematics, and physics, specially designed or selected seminars may be substituted for the thesis requirement (see Bus 291, AEd 295, 296, 297, 298).

The Committee on Graduate Study has prepared a statement describing the general college policy on research in the master's degree program. Theses, projects, and other types of research are defined. In general, regulations for the project are identical to those of the thesis.

1. To be eligible to enroll for thesis or project (299), a student must have
  - (a) been advanced to candidacy for the master's degree.
  - (b) maintained a B (3.0) average on his contract program.
  - (c) completed at least six units of his contract program on the Fresno campus.
  - (d) completed any course in research techniques required by his major department.
  - (e) secured a thesis committee, consisting of a chairman and at least two other members.
  - (f) secured approval of his thesis plan from the division or department graduate committee before his committee submits thesis committee assignment (Form 13) to the Graduate Office.