

EXAMINATIONS

The Graduate Record Examination Aptitude Test (or the Graduate Management Admission Test for students in business) is required for classified standing. Some programs also require the GRE Advanced Test. The appropriate test should be taken early enough for scores to reach the CSU, Fresno, Test Office in time for inclusion in documents used to determine admissibility to a program. The School of Business will not consider a student whose GMAT scores are not in hand. Other fields will occasionally permit admission in conditional classified standing for students who have not taken the aptitude test. Such students should plan on taking the test during the first semester in the program.

Advancement to candidacy for the master's degree requires a satisfactory score in the Graduate Record Examination Advanced Test in the student's major field (or a departmental qualifying examination). In addition to the qualifying examination, all departments reserve the right to require written and/or oral comprehensive examinations when circumstances demand. A few departments require final comprehensive examinations of all their students. In particular, all "Plan B" (nonthesis) programs require final oral and/or written comprehensive examinations. Candidates are urged to consult the chairman of the department or school graduate committee or the Dean, School of Graduate Studies, about examination requirements.

EXTENSION OF TIME

A period of five years is allowed for the completion of all requirements for the degree. A student whose program has been interrupted by military service should consult the Dean of the School of Graduate Studies about provisions for military extensions. Otherwise, time may be extended only by the substitution of recent courses for outdated ones or by appropriate validation procedures. Consult the Dean of the School of Graduate Studies.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Graduate assistantships and other types of financial assistance are available to graduate students. The School of Graduate Studies maintains an active Information Service for CSUF graduate students who are interested in applying for assistantships, professional work experience, and national fellowships and scholarships. Students interested in utilizing this service are asked to contact the Graduate Office. See also *Financial Aids*.

INTERNATIONAL (FOREIGN) GRADUATE STUDENTS

Fully qualified graduate students coming to CSU, Fresno, with the ultimate goal of a master's degree should allow approximately two years for accomplishing a 30-unit program, more for a two-year professional degree. Graduate students regularly devote most of their time to studies in their major field; however during the first semester at CSU, Fresno, foreign students whose native language is not English and who are studying in this country for the first time, are required to enroll in International Studies-Campus 293 and appropriate work in English as a foreign language. International Studies-Campus 295 is required during the last semester or at any time after half the work of the master's degree has been completed. Both courses apply toward degrees. For further information, see *International Programs—Graduate Courses*.

Depending on the quality of his work in the first semester and his ultimate purpose, the foreign graduate student may at the end of the first semester continue in one of the following directions: (1) If he has chosen a new field or if his undergraduate work was not equivalent to a CSU, Fresno, bachelor's degree, he may petition to complete requirements for a second bachelor's degree requirements. (2) If he wishes to select only those courses which have greatest value for him, regardless of degree requirements, he may follow an individually planned and approved sequence of courses leading to a Certificate of Attendance. (3) If his first semester's work gives evidence of probable success in master's degree study, he may be considered for full classified standing in a master's degree program. Whichever alternative the student from abroad selects, appropriate course work taken during the first semester may be accepted for credit toward this goal.