

*Provisional Graduate Standing.* A student who does not have a degree or credential objective may be admitted with *provisional graduate standing* upon the filing of the application declaring all schools attended since high school and one copy of an official transcript showing the granting of the bachelor's degree. (Transcripts for bachelor's degrees earned at Fresno State College are already on file and need not be resubmitted.) Subsequent changes to degree or credential applicant status will necessitate the filing of any additional transcripts required for *classified or unclassified graduate standing*.

*Unvalidated Graduate Standing.* A graduate of a nonaccredited college may be granted admission with *unvalidated graduate standing*, upon the filing of the application and two copies of official transcripts of all college work. Such a student may be eligible for unclassified graduate standing when he has cleared all undergraduate deficiencies and has maintained, in residence at Fresno State College, a grade-point average of 3.0 (on a four grade-point system) on 12 units of approved upper division work or an average of 2.5 on 24 units of approved upper division work. (Potential master's degree students, see also *Master's Degrees—Grade Requirements*.) When a student with this type of graduate standing has fulfilled the requirements for *classified or unclassified graduate standing*, it is his responsibility to request a new statement of standing from the Admissions Office.

#### CLASSIFIED GRADUATE STANDING

A graduate student who expects to have his course work apply toward a master's degree should clearly indicate his master's degree objective on the application for graduate standing which he sends to the Admissions Office. As soon as his admission to the college has been processed, the Graduate Office will inform him of the procedures for obtaining admission to the degree program with *classified status*. Since these procedures regularly involve an interview, the process is not normally completed until after registration for the first semester. Any degree aspirant who does not receive instructions in the mail within two weeks of receiving a statement of unclassified graduate standing, or any such student whose admission is delayed until registration time, is invited to come or write to the Graduate Office for this material prior to consulting an adviser.

*Classified graduate standing*, which normally occurs at the outset of graduate study, should not be confused with advancement to candidacy, which normally occurs about halfway through the program.

#### ADVANCEMENT TO CANDIDACY

Classified graduate standing gives a student permission to work toward qualifying for candidacy. Advancement to candidacy gives a student permission to proceed toward qualifying for the degree. Requirements for advancement to candidacy include the following:

1. Classified graduate standing.
2. Completion of any specified undergraduate prerequisites to the master's degree major.
3. Completion at Fresno State College of at least 9 units of B average work appropriate for a master's degree program.
4. A grade average of B on all upper division and graduate course work completed after the date of embarking on the first course of the program.
5. Satisfactory completion of a scholastic aptitude test for graduates and such departmental and scholastic achievement tests as may be required.
6. Approval by the appropriate departmental graduate committee. Ordinarily upon receipt of examination scores the Graduate Office sends to the department committee a transcript and a report of grades and examination scores and requests departmental recommendation. In making this recommendation, the department takes into account professional and personal standards as well as scholastic achievement as revealed by grades and performance on examinations. The student is responsible for ensuring that the adviser has sufficient information other than grades and scores on which to make this recommendation. A