

Graduate Classified – To pursue a graduate degree, applicants are required to fulfill all of the professional, personal, scholastic, and other standards, including qualifying examinations, prescribed by the campus; or

Graduate Conditionally Classified – Applicants may be admitted to a graduate degree program in this category if, in the opinion of appropriate campus authority, deficiencies may be remedied by additional preparation; or

Postbaccalaureate Classified, e.g. admission to an education credential program – Persons wishing to enroll in a credential or certificate program will be required to satisfy additional professional, personal, scholastic, and other standards, including qualifying examinations, prescribed by the campus; or

Postbaccalaureate Unclassified – To enroll in undergraduate courses as preparation for advanced degree programs or to enroll in graduate courses for professional or personal growth, applicants must be admitted as post-baccalaureate unclassified students. By meeting the general requirements, applicants are eligible for admission as post-baccalaureate unclassified students. Admission in this status does not constitute admission to, or assurance of consideration for admission to, any graduate degree or credential program. (Most CSU campuses do not offer admission to unclassified post-baccalaureate students).

Note: Graduate degree students who have been granted conditionally classified admission to a graduate program are required to complete all conditions for achieving classified standing (full admission) to the program by the semester in which a maximum of one-third of the units to be used toward the graduate degree is completed. (Exception: Rehabilitation Counseling requires classification by the completion of 10 program units.) Failure to attain classified graduate standing in a timely manner as outlined in this catalog may result in the loss of units to be applied toward the degree since excess units may not be listed on the Petition of Advancement to Candidacy.

A graduate student is expected to attain classified graduate standing either at admission or during the first semester of studies. Candidates for classification are expected to possess a minimum 3.0 postbaccalaureate cumulative grade point average.

Doctoral students should consult the appropriate doctoral program guidelines for information regarding obtaining classified standing.

Graduate Classified Standing. This category is granted to those students who fully meet all admission requirements of the Division of Graduate Studies and the program. It enables the student to pursue a graduate degree and fulfill all of the professional, personal, scholastic, and other standards -- including qualifying examinations -- prescribed by the campus.

Only those applicants who show promise of success in and fitness for the profession will be admitted to Classified Graduate Standing, and only those who continue to demonstrate a satisfactory level of scholastic competence and fitness shall be eligible to continue in the graduate program. (See also Grade Requirements.)

*These and other CSU admissions requirements are subject to change as policies are revised and laws are amended. The CSU website www.calstate.edu and the CSU admissions portal www.csumentor.edu are good sources for the most up-to-date information.

Standardized Test Requirements

Applicants to graduate degree and advanced certificate programs may be required to submit appropriate admission test scores with the university application to Graduate/Postbaccalaureate Studies. Please see program admission information to determine if a standardized test is required. This information is also available at <http://www.fresnostate.edu/academics/gradstudies>.

Applications and information concerning the GRE as well as the MAT and GMAT are available through the Testing Services office in the Family Food Sciences Building, Room 110. GMAT information is available in the Craig School of Business Graduate Office in the Peters Building, Room 183.

It should be noted that an applicant's standardized test scores will not constitute the sole criterion according to which an admissions decision will be rendered. However, some departments, particularly in the sciences and engineering, may give more importance to standardized test scores than departments in other fields.

Change of Graduate Degree Objective

Postbaccalaureate/graduate students who intend to change their major or degree objective or add a second objective must complete and file an Add or Change Graduate Degree or Certificate of Advanced Study Objective, which includes a fee payable at the cashier's window in the Joyal Administration Building. These students must meet the admissions requirements of the new program. The application for Add or Change Graduate Degree or Certificate of Advanced Study Objective is available in the Division of Graduate Studies, Frank W. Thomas Building, Room 130, or on the website at <http://www.fresnostate.edu/academics/gradstudies>.