

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 student who does not qualify at this time has the responsibility for initiating the procedure in the Graduate Office when he has removed deficiencies.
7. Formulation of a departmentally approved contract program of graduate study for the master's degree.
8. As soon as possible after the completion of steps 1 through 7, submission to the Graduate Office of a properly signed petition for advancement to candidacy, including the proposed contract program.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

The program requirements for the master of arts and master of science degrees assume substantial undergraduate preparation in the field. See division and department statements in this catalog or in the *Graduate Bulletin* for particulars. A student lacking this preparation will find it necessary to exceed the minimum requirements indicated below.

The contract program for the master's degree is a coherent pattern of (1) courses specified for an approved field of concentration and (2) additional courses selected to meet the student's particular needs. It consists of at least 30 units com-