

RESIDENT ADVISERS

The university employs a number of students as advisers in its residence hall program. These positions are available to upper division students whose interest and background indicate competence in this type of work. The stipends vary, depending upon the work assignment. Generally they cover the cost of residence hall room and board. Applications and further information are available during the month of February from the Director of Housing.

BASIC EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY GRANT

The Basic Education Opportunity Grant Program, more commonly known as Basic Grants, is a new program of student financial aid which was authorized by Title IV, Part A, of the Education Amendments of 1972. This program provides for grants of \$1,400 less the expected family contribution for all eligible students to assist them in meeting educational costs. To be eligible for the Basic Education Opportunity Grant, the following criteria must be met: (1) enrollment for the first time in a post-high school program on or after April 1, 1973; (2) attendance on at least a half-time basis (6 or more credit hours per term); (3) United States citizenship or residence in the United States, for other than a temporary basis, and intention to become a resident. Program regulations change from year to year. Check with the Financial Aids Office for the regulations now in effect. Applications are available at post offices, high schools, community colleges, Financial Aids Office, etc.

FULL-TIME/PART-TIME STUDENTS

Students taking at least 75% of the normal academic load are considered full-time students. Since the normal academic load is 15 semester hours, students carrying 12 or more semester hours are full-time students. Graduate level courses are weighted for graduate students. Each graduate unit attempted by a graduate student is considered as 1.5 units.

Full-time	12 or more units
Three-quarter time	9 to 11½
Half-time	6 to 8½

INTERNATIONAL (FOREIGN) STUDENTS

California State University, Fresno, regularly enrolls a significant number of students from abroad. The International Student Counseling Office staff, under the direction of the Student Counseling Service, assists foreign students with academic and personal problems, and housing (see *Student Housing*), as well as governmental and legal aspects of their stay. A special orientation program is planned and required of all foreign students prior to registration each semester. Students should notify the International Student Counseling Office of their arrival plans and consult them immediately upon arrival on campus for verification of enrollment, orientation, and assistance (See *General Information—Admission to the University*).

International students must have sufficient understanding and proficiency in use of the English language to be successful in their course work at the university (see *Entrance Examinations*). A special program of English language and American studies courses is available to assist students whose previous instruction has been in a language other than English. (See *International Studies—Campus Program*). Except for the few who are employed as graduate assistants, students must have sufficient funds so that they will not need employment and should plan to register for the minimum legal number of courses each semester, which for undergraduate students on "F" or "J" type visas is 12 units and for graduate students is 8 units. These are the minimum-unit loads foreign students must carry in order to keep their student visas valid. They are also required to participate in the university health insurance program or demonstrate adequate health insurance coverage at the time of registration.

The International Student Counseling Office also coordinates campus and community activities for foreign students. These are designed to enhance their educational experiences in the United States. Students should consult the International Student Counseling Office for information pertaining to these activities. Foreign graduate students should refer to the *School of Graduate Studies* section of the catalog.