

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.

MASTER'S DEGREES

To be eligible to receive the master's degree at Fresno State College a student must have achieved a command of his field of specialization and must have demonstrated competence in independent investigation, analysis, and synthesis beyond the scope of individual courses. *The requirements listed in the following sections are minimums.* For details of specific curricula see the department statements and the *Graduate Bulletin*.

GENERAL REGULATIONS

Applicants for all master's degrees are admitted to graduate standing, programmed, and advanced to candidacy under the same college-wide policies. Most departments, however, impose additional requirements for admission to specific programs, advancement, and completion.

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 Dean, School of Graduate Studies, will inform him of the procedures for obtaining admission to the degree program with *classified status*. Normally instructions for achieving classified status are mailed by the Dean, School of Graduate Studies, to admitted students who have indicated degree objectives. Any degree aspirant who does not receive instruction in the mail is invited to come or write to the Dean, School of Graduate Studies, for this material prior to consulting an adviser.

Not more than 10 units (including transfer credit) completed before achieving classified standing at Fresno State College may be applied to the master's degree program. Work taken during the semester of classification is considered to be completed in classified standing. In two-year programs the above limitation applies only to the last 30 units.

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. At least 9 units must be completed after advancement. Requirements for advancement to candidacy include the following:

1. Classified graduate standing.
2. Completion of any undergraduate prerequisites which the adviser specifies on the declaration of intent form.
3. Satisfactory completion of a scholastic aptitude test for graduates and such departmental and scholastic achievement tests as may be required. (See *Examinations*.)
4. A minimum grade point average of 3.0 (both overall and at Fresno State College) on all upper division and graduate course work from the date of embarking on the first course of the proposed master's degree program.
5. Approval by the appropriate departmental graduate committee. Ordinarily upon receipt of examination scores the Dean, School of Graduate Studies, 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