

## Degree Requirements

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**Upper Division Writing Skills Requirement.** All undergraduate and second baccalaureate degree candidates, must demonstrate competency in writing skills at the upper division (junior-senior) level as a requirement for graduation. Students may meet this requirement in either of two ways after completion of 56 units:

1. Passing the Upper Division Writing Examination (UDWE) composed of both an essay and an objective component. This examination will be given several times each year, including once during the first two weeks of each semester. Students are permitted to take the examination a maximum of two times, but no more than once during any single semester. Upon successful completion of the UDWE, a student may request one unit of credit (Engl 100W) which may or may not be posted to the student's transcript the same semester in which the UDWE was passed. For details, contact the *Office of Testing Services*.
2. Obtaining a "C", "CR", or higher grade in an approved upper division course at CSU, Fresno or another CSU campus. Approved courses can be identified in the catalog and Schedule of Courses by the letter "W" (e.g., Eng 160W, IS 105W). English Composition (Engl 1) is a prerequisite to any "W" course.

It is imperative that the UDWS requirement be met within one semester after completing 56 units, or no later than the second semester at CSU, Fresno for students transferring with 56 or more units.

Graduate students should consult *Graduate Studies and Research* regarding the graduate-level writing proficiency requirement.

**Note.** Passing the UDWE does not preclude a student from taking a "W" course if it is required in the major; e.g., Hist 100W.

**Remedial Courses.** Each student admitted to a CSU campus is expected to possess basic competence in the English language and mathematical computation. Students admitted who cannot demonstrate such basic competence are required to remedy this deficiency. Such remedial courses are designated by the letter R following the course number. Credits earned in remedial courses cannot be used to satisfy degree requirements. (See *Learning Assistance Center*.)

## Unit Limitations

The following unit limitations apply to all bachelor's degrees:

1. A maximum of 70 transferable semester units is allowed from two-year institutions.
2. A maximum of 8 semester units of PE/Dance Techniques/Athletics activity is allowed (PE and Dance majors may have credit for 12 semester units).
3. A maximum of 12 semester units is allowed for work experience/internship/agricultural projects. (A maximum of 6 semester units may transfer into the university. A maximum of 6 semester units of the 12 is allowed in agricultural projects).
4. A maximum of 24 semester units at CSU, Fresno is allowed for CR/NC grading. (See *Credit-No Credit Grading* for other limitations.)
5. A maximum of 30 semester units is allowed for Credit by Examination (excluding Credit for Advanced Placement Examination).
6. A maximum of 24 semester units is allowed for credit through extension and/or correspondence course work.

7. A maximum of 6 semester units is allowed for independent study course work.
8. A maximum of 6 semester units is allowed for course work in typing.
9. A maximum of 10 semester units is allowed for course work in shorthand and/or dictation.

## Second Baccalaureate Degree or Undergraduate Major Requirements

A post-baccalaureate student (i.e., one who already holds a bachelor's degree) may pursue a program leading to an additional baccalaureate *degree* or undergraduate *major*. Each student is urged to consult with a departmental adviser and with the Division of Graduate Studies and Research to determine whether a second baccalaureate or graduate program better meets his or her needs.

- A post-baccalaureate student seeking an additional undergraduate *degree* must complete the following requirements:
  1. A minimum of 30 units in residence at CSU, Fresno since completion of the most recent degree.
  2. All state and university requirements for that degree, including English 1, Intermediate Algebra (Math 4), General Education, United States Constitution and California State and Local Government, American History, and the Upper Division Writing Skills Requirement. These requirements may be met by courses taken in the student's undergraduate program.
  3. All units required in the major. No credit may be applied from courses taken for an earlier degree. If required major courses were previously taken, the student must substitute, with the approval of the department, additional major courses. Graduate level courses (200 series) may not be applied toward the requirements for a second baccalaureate degree or additional undergraduate major.
  4. At least 12 units in the major in residence at CSU, Fresno since the last baccalaureate degree. Departments may set higher requirements.
  5. Filing of an undergraduate degree application and payment of graduation fee.
- B. A post-baccalaureate student seeking an additional undergraduate *major* must complete numbers 3 and 4 above. The transcript will indicate that all coursework for the additional major has been completed. A student pursuing a second baccalaureate *degree* or additional undergraduate *major* cannot select the catalog or bulletin used for the initial undergraduate degree. If the student does not remain in continuous attendance, the requirements will be those in effect at the time the student re-enters the university or completes the program (See *Choice of Catalog*).
- C. A post-baccalaureate student may not earn a minor or a second minor.
- D. Second baccalaureate students are not considered for university honors.

**Post-Baccalaureate Credit.** Upper division and/or graduate level units earned at CSU, Fresno in the semester or summer session in which the bachelor's degree is granted will be automatically listed on the student's permanent record as post-baccalaureate credit with the following exceptions:

- a) Provided the courses are not needed for the bachelor's degree;