

# General Education

## IMPORTANT NOTE

At the time the 1988-89 CSUF General Catalog was published, the General Education Requirements were being revised in accordance with guidelines established by the *California Administrative Code, Title 5*. The new requirements apply to first-time freshmen and transfer students who enter CSUF for the Fall 1988 semester. These changes also affect any student

who has not been in continuous attendance at CSU, Fresno, another CSU system campus, or a California Community College campus. Students affected by these changes may obtain additional information through the **Office of Advising and Orientation, Joyal Administration Building, Room 219, (209) 294-2924**, or through department advisers.

**D**eveloped by both faculty and students, CSU, Fresno's General Education Program is an introduction to the breadth and depth of the dynamics of human experience. It provides students with a foundation in the liberal arts and sciences and prepares them for specialized study in a particular discipline or program.

The overall objective of General Education is to create a context wherein basic skills are developed and strengthened, scholarship and disciplined thinking emerge, awareness and reflection occur, and ultimately—the *integration* of knowledge begins.

## CORE, BREADTH, and CAPSTONE

The General Education Program is an integrated curriculum of courses organized into three phases:

**CORE**, the basic foundation of one's university education, consists of courses in fundamental skills and knowledge.

**BREADTH** exposes students to a variety of disciplines within a structured framework that develops knowledge and skill representative of all areas of human endeavor.

**CAPSTONE** concludes the General Education Program by providing an interdisciplinary experience at the upper division level in which the skills and knowledge developed in CORE and BREADTH are integrated, bringing their interrelationships into focus.

