

University, Fresno requires special approval and is limited to one-third of the total units required in a graduate degree program. (See *Graduate Studies - Advancement to Candidacy*.) Only students with graduate standing may enroll in the following courses: 290, 298, 299. (See *Graduate Studies - Criteria for Thesis and Project*.) Use of postbaccalaureate credit for other purposes is to be determined by the appropriate authority.

## Graduation

Students who anticipate meeting bachelor's degree requirements by the end of a term should obtain and file a completed application for a degree (with appropriate fees) with the Degree Advising Office within the first two weeks of that term. The Graduate Office processes graduate degree applications. See Academic Calendar for filing dates and deadlines. Failure to apply before the final deadline will delay the granting of the degree.

The Degree Advising Office checks students' applications for bachelor's degrees and reports to them regarding eligibility for the degrees. Degrees are not awarded to students with I or RD grades remaining on their records. Students receiving I grades during the final year that have not been completed (or changed to F grades) by the appropriate clearance deadline will not be considered for graduation that semester and must reapply for the degree. (Search Incomplete.)

In order to be eligible for graduation, students must:

1. Submit an application for the degree and pay the graduation fee
2. Have been approved for graduation by the faculty
3. Have completed with appropriate scholastic standing all courses required for the degree. (Graduates receive their official diplomas by mail.)
4. Have filed official transcripts for all coursework attempted prior to graduation

It is the responsibility of students to be sure that all requirements have been met and that documentation has been filed with the Degree Advising Office, or Graduate Office, by the appropriate deadlines. No additions, deletions, or changes to students' records are permitted after the degree has been recorded.

**Honors at Graduation.** Honors at the time of graduation from the university are awarded to undergraduate students based on the following criteria:

- Students must have an overall minimum grade point average of 3.5 on all work attempted.
- Students must have a minimum grade point average of 3.5 on all work taken at the university.
- Students must have completed 45 units in residence at California State University, Fresno.

The grade point average earned at California State University, Fresno determines which honors the student receives:

**Summa Cum Laude (highest honors) 3.90 to 4.00**

**Magna Cum Laude (high honors) 3.70 to 3.89**

**Cum Laude (honors) 3.50 to 3.69**

Since the requirement for honors could change, students are requested to check the current General Catalog for the criteria in effect at the time of graduation.

## The Four-Year Scholars Program

A pledge between first-time freshmen students and Fresno State to ensure graduation with a baccalaureate degree in four years when a student follows the requirements and conditions outlined below. Students interested in the program must see a dedicated Four-Year Scholars Program adviser in the University Advising Center before the end of the sixth week of their first fall semester.

To facilitate students' graduation goals, California State University, Fresno extends to qualified students the opportunity to engage in a formal partnership that assures timely completion of a degree. Students enrolling in the university's Four-Year Scholars Program are pledged certain advantages which will facilitate progress toward a degree. These advantages include the following:

- **Guaranteed Course Availability with Personalized Academic Plan**
- **Highest-Level Priority Registration**
- **Specialized Advising Each Semester to Ensure Students Stay on Track**
- **Eligibility for Parking Fee Waiver/Kennel Bookstore Voucher (if maintaining good academic standing in the program)\***