

Education; Enology, Food Science and Nutrition; Family Studies and Home Economics; Industrial Technology; and Plant Science and Mechanized Agriculture) the school has over 1800 undergraduate majors and approximately 230 graduate students. The 86 faculty, many of whom are recognized nationally and internationally, are well-qualified professionals who maintain up-to-date industry and government contacts.

The CSU Fresno Agricultural Foundation has published "A History of the Growth and Development of Agriculture at California State University, Fresno 1911-1984."

## Educational Commitment

Throughout the school's maturation, the administrators and faculty have never lost sight of its number one priority—serving the educational needs of students.

The School instructional philosophy insures that students have:

1. A well-rounded general education emphasizing critical thinking skills for becoming responsible citizens in our society;
2. A sound scientific and/or economic foundation to understand and contribute to the professions of agriculture, industrial technology, family studies and home economics;
3. The technical knowledge and managerial skills necessary for entry into a professional occupation or pursuit of advanced education;
4. Motivation through close student-teacher working relationships in the classroom and laboratory;
5. An opportunity for a faculty supervised "hands-on" field experience via the enterprise project program and/or through research center projects under the California Agriculture Technology Institute;
6. Access to industry internships and cooperative education experiences preparatory for careers; and
7. Participation in student chapters of national organizations bringing students into association with professional leaders.

## Academic Preparation

*High school graduates*, to assure rapid and satisfactory progress through a degree program, should be competent in college preparatory courses at the high school level. Consult with your academic adviser concerning prerequisite courses required for your program of study. General education courses include the following areas: biological sciences, such as botany, zoology or physiology; physical sciences, such as chemistry through organic chemistry; mathematics through intermediate algebra; English grammar and composition skills; public speaking ability; and agricultural science, home economics, or industrial arts foundation courses.

*Community college transfers* are to consult with their academic adviser to determine which CSU Fresno courses are articulated for credit as equivalent to their community college courses. The university's Office of Evaluations assesses the transfer student's academic record regarding CSU, Fresno degree requirements. A copy of the assessment is sent to the student and the declared major department office.

University graduates applying for graduate study are eligible for postbaccalaureate unclassified admission if: 1) they hold

an acceptable bachelor's degree from an accredited institution; 2) have a grade point average of at least 2.50 (3.0 for admission to Agricultural Business) in the last 60 semester (90 quarter) units; and 3) are in good standing at the last college attended. Refer to Graduate Studies and Research section of the general catalog. Additionally, students applying for graduate study in a program offered by the School should complete a separate school application, meet additional admission requirements, and be accepted in Graduate Standing with a conditionally classified or classified status. Refer to department sections for the additional admission requirements.

*International students* with diplomas from secondary schools must score 500 of the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) examination in order to qualify for admission to the university as an undergraduate. Whereas, all graduate and postbaccalaureate program applicants, regardless of citizenship, who do not possess a bachelor's degree from a post-secondary institution where English is the principal language of instruction, must receive a minimum of 550 on the TOEFL examination for entry to the university.

All applicants should refer to the Admission Requirements and Registration Process section of the general catalog for detailed information.

## Financial Aid

The Ag One organization, comprised of statewide agricultural industry supporters and CSU Fresno agricultural alumni, annually sponsors 125 agriculture students through grants generated by membership fees and fund raising efforts as well as revenue earned by endowment funds to which school supporters generously contribute. Recipients typically have demonstrated academic promise, leadership potential, and community service.

One out of every five students majoring in agriculture receives financial assistance in the form of an academic scholarship, an Ag One Grant, or monetary awards from other sources. Government supported work-study is also available. Additional financial support and valuable professional experience is available through summer and part-time jobs in agriculture and related businesses around Fresno, where housing and living costs are relatively low.

Students interested in applying for academic scholarships or Ag One grants should file a University financial aid and/or scholarship application by February 1 for the following academic year. For application forms, call the Financial Aid Office at (209) 294-2182.

## Student Advising

During their first semester, each student should contact the department offering their degree and program of study to be assigned an academic adviser and to obtain the appropriate program of study checklist. Prior to registration, each student should consult his or her assigned academic adviser for program planning assistance to ensure proper progress toward graduation. Departmental academic advisers play a significant role in planning educational programs due to their awareness of student career objectives and familiarity with the needs of potential employers. Note: The Program of Study Checklist is an academic planning guide. The Certification of Major Requirements form is the official declaration of major