

ADMISSION TO GRADUATE STANDING

Admission standards are stated in the *California Administrative Code, Title 5, Education*, which provides uniform admission regulations for all California state colleges as follows:

41000. Admission with Graduate Standing: Unclassified. (a) For admission with graduate standing as an unclassified graduate student, a student shall have completed a four-year college course and hold an acceptable baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution; or shall have completed equivalent academic preparation as determined by the appropriate college authorities.

(b) Admission to a state college with graduate standing does not constitute admission to graduate degree curricula.

41001. Admission to Graduate Degree Curricula: Classified. A student who has been admitted to a state college under Section 41000 may, upon application, be admitted to an authorized graduate degree curriculum of the college as a classified graduate student if he satisfactorily meets the professional, personal, scholastic, and other standards for graduate study, including qualifying examinations, as the appropriate college authorities may prescribe. Only those applicants who show promise of success and fitness will be admitted to graduate degree curricula, and only those who continue to demonstrate a satisfactory level of scholastic competence and fitness, as determined by the appropriate college authorities, shall be eligible to continue in such curricula. Students whose performance in a graduate degree curriculum is judged to be unsatisfactory by the authorities of the college may be required to withdraw from all graduate degree curricula offered by the college.

GRADUATE ADMISSION PROCEDURES

Graduate admission is a two-step process. *Unclassified graduate standing*, the first step, is required of all holders of bachelor's degrees, regardless of objective. *Classified graduate standing*, the second step, is required only of students working toward master's degrees. Students from abroad see *Foreign Graduate Student Programs*.

UNCLASSIFIED GRADUATE STANDING

For admission with a graduate standing as an Unclassified Graduate Student, a student shall have completed a four-year college course and hold an acceptable baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution, or shall have completed equivalent academic preparation as determined by the appropriate college authorities; and must satisfactorily meet the professional, personal, scholastic, and other standards for graduate study, including qualifying examinations, as the appropriate college authorities may prescribe. This status permits him to enroll in courses for which he has the prerequisites.

1. *A graduate of Fresno State who has taken no subsequent collegiate work elsewhere* may be admitted to *unclassified graduate standing* upon the filing of the application for graduate standing.

2. *A graduate of another accredited institution, or a Fresno State graduate who has subsequently attended another institution*, may be admitted to unclassified graduate standing upon the filing of the application and two copies of official transcripts showing the highest degree earned and good standing in all work taken subsequent to that degree. A third copy of the transcript may be required in some fields.

3. *Provisional Graduate Standing*. *A student who does not have a degree or credential objective* may be admitted with *provisional graduate standing* upon the filing of the application declaring all schools attended since high school and one copy of an official transcript showing the granting of the bachelor's degree. (Transcripts for bachelor's degrees earned at Fresno State College are already on file and need not be resubmitted.) Subsequent changes to degree or credential applicant status will necessitate the filing of any additional transcripts required for *classified or unclassified graduate standing*.

4. *Unvalidated Graduate Standing*. *A graduate of a nonaccredited college* may be granted admission with *unvalidated graduate standing*, upon the filing of the application and two copies of official transcripts of all college work. Such a student may be eligible for unclassified graduate standing when he has cleared all undergraduate deficiencies and has maintained, in residence at Fresno State, a grade-point average of 3.0 (on a four grade-point system) on 12 units of approved upper division work or an average of 2.5 on 24 units of approved upper division work. (Potential master's degree students, see also *Master's Degrees—Grade Requirements*.) 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.