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California State University, Fresno is authorized to grant the Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, Master of Arts, Master of Science, Master of Business Administration, Master of Fine Arts, Master of Physical Therapy, Master of Public Administration, Master of Public Health, and Master of Social Work degrees. California State University, Fresno, in partnership with the University of California, Davis, also offers a Doctorate in Educational Leadership (Ed.D.). See *School of Education and Human Development* for public school credentials for which the university is authorized to recommend candidates.

## Definition of Key Terms

**Additional Requirements.** Courses from one or more departments or programs that are required in support of the major. Such courses are not included in the minimum 2.0 grade point average required in the major for graduation and may be waived or substituted at the discretion of the major department or program. Additional requirements normally may be applied toward a minor. Additional requirements may also be applied toward General Education unless specifically prohibited by the major department.

**Concurrent Enrollment.** The term *concurrent enrollment* is used to describe several different types of enrollment:

1. **Open University Enrollment.** Non-matriculated students may enroll in regular California State University, Fresno classes through the Division of Extended Education. (See *Extended Education*.)
2. **Concurrent Enrollment at Other CSU Campuses.** CSU students may attend two CSU campuses simultaneously. This type of enrollment is not often used by California State University, Fresno students because of the distance to other CSU campuses. (See the registrar for details.)
3. **Concurrent Enrollment at a Non-CSU College or University.** While enrolled at California State University, Fresno, students may enroll for additional courses at another institution outside the CSU system with the written approval of the

student's academic adviser. Such approval must be granted prior to the beginning of classes at the other institution. The courseload in the combined enrollment program may not exceed the maximum unit load restrictions for California State University, Fresno. The completed form must be filed by the end of the first week of instruction at the public contact windows, North Lobby, Joyal Administration Building.

**Core.** A common set of courses within a major or minor that all students are required to complete.

**Double-Counting.** Allowing one course to fulfill two separate requirements concurrently; e.g., allowing one course to fulfill both a major requirement and the upper-division writing skills requirement, or allowing one course to fulfill both a major requirement and General Education requirement.

**Electives.** Courses/units a student selects to complete the total unit requirement for the baccalaureate degree.

**Grade Point Average (GPA).** The grade point average is a measure of academic scholarship and performance which is computed by dividing units registered into grade points earned. Three separate GPAs are computed:

1. Cumulative GPA for all baccalaureate or postbaccalaureate units by degree objective
2. Cumulative GPA for total California State University, Fresno units
3. GPA for that semester only

A minimum of a *C* average (2.0 GPA) for units in the major, all California State University, Fresno units, and total units is required for a baccalaureate degree. (See *Grade Symbols and Grade Points, Degree Requirements*.) Master's degree students have a higher minimum GPA requirement. (See *Graduate Studies — Advancement to Candidacy, Grade Requirements*.)

**Major.** Set of required courses from one or more departments designed to provide students with the knowledge, skills, and experiences necessary to pursue a specific career and/or advanced study. A student must earn a 2.0 grade point average in all courses required for the major, except "additional requirements," in order to graduate. Some majors are subject to more stringent grading requirements. (Minimum Title 5 requirements: *B.A. degree* — 24 units of which 12 must be upper division exclusive of General Education; *B.S. degree* — 36 units of which 18 must be upper division exclusive of General Education.)

