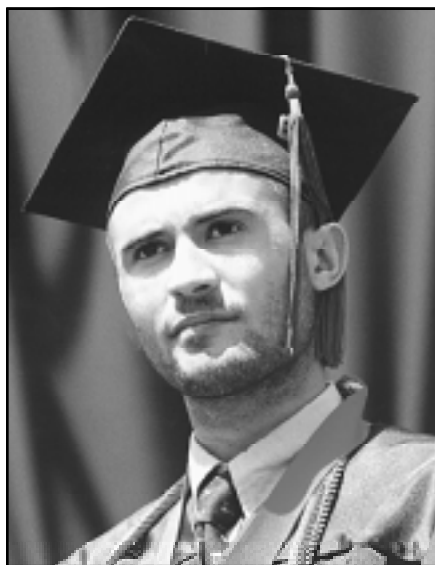


Degree Requirements

entry. Students not able to obtain their preferred course and/or their preferred section (days and hours) must be flexible in selecting available alternatives to maintain degree progress.

5. **Major.** Students should select a major during the freshman year (unless advised otherwise) and must seek advising from the designated California State University, Fresno Degree Guarantee Program adviser in their major department so that degree obligations can be met. In many instances, changes of major will delay the completion of a degree. Students entering with an undeclared major should seek advising from the Office of Advising Services. Students must be sure all prerequisite courses, including "Additional Requirements to the Major" are accounted for in the student's academic plan for graduation (see *Four-Year Program of Study*, number 2, *Specialized Advising*).
6. **Minor.** Minors can be highly desirable and must be carefully planned in close cooperation with a Degree Guarantee Program adviser. Pursuit of a minor may require an increased total unit load.
7. **Unit Load.** Students must take a minimum of 12 units per semester (the minimum required to be a full time student) and complete an annual average of units appropriate for their degree program.
 - a. **124 Unit Programs.** Students must complete an average of 31 units per year (which could include Winter and Summer sessions) to finish in four years.
 - b. **128-132 Unit Programs.** Students must complete an average of 33 units per year (which could include Winter and Summer sessions) to finish in four years.
 - c. **Programs Exceeding 132 units.** In addition to an annual average of 33 units, students in these majors will be required to complete 3 to 7 additional units sometime during their four years of study.



8. **Grade Point Average (GPA).** The cumulative GPA, the cumulative California State University, Fresno GPA, and the GPA in a student's major all must be at or above 2.0. Students electing to repeat courses for purposes of grade substitution to improve their GPA must do so over and above the minimum articulated annual unit requirements if they expect to complete their Degree Guarantee Program within the originally planned time. *Academically disqualified students may not be able to complete their Degree Guarantee Program in four years.*
9. **Registration and Fees.** Students will use STAR (telephone registration) at the appropriate time window and will pay fees by the required deadlines.
10. **Course Enrollment.** Students will enroll and attend California State University, Fresno at those times (including evenings and weekends) when courses are offered and available. Prior approval by the student's designated Degree Guarantee Program adviser is required before registering at another institution for courses intended for transfer to California State University, Fresno.
11. **Financial Aid.** If eligible for assistance, students must meet the appropriate deadlines each year and meet all academic progress requirements.
12. **Senior Evaluation.** Students must request a "Senior Evaluation" from the Office of Evaluations upon completion of 90 or more units to ensure readiness for graduation as planned.
13. **Degree Filing.** Students must file their application for graduation and pay the related fees by the university deadline.
14. **Accountability.** Students must comply with all administrative, judicial, and academic policies and procedures as well as all aforementioned conditions of the Degree Guarantee Program.

Noncompliance with any of the conditions 1 through 14 may result in voiding the student's enrollment in the Degree Guarantee Program and the university's pledge to award the student a degree within four years. Nonetheless, it is understood that all degree requirements still must be met before the university is able to award a degree.

Enrollment in the California State University, Fresno Degree Guarantee Program is initiated by a student filing an application. Signing of this application by a student, his or her designated Degree Guarantee Program adviser, major department chair, and college/school dean confirms their mutual understanding of the respective obligations of the student/university partnership required for the achievement of a degree in four years.

Additional information about the Degree Guarantee Program may be obtained by contacting the assistant to the provost for special projects at (559) 278-4775.