

Each department has an independent study upper-division course (190), and some departments have a graduate level course (290). In some departments a 190 or 290 course may be desirable preparation for the thesis or other advanced study.

To be eligible for independent study, a student should have an overall grade point average of 3.0 or higher; this requirement may be waived in exceptional cases, when approved by the chair of the department. Maximum credit of six units is allowed toward the bachelor's degree in independent study courses, and maximum credit of six units is allowed in independent study courses toward the master's degree. Credit is limited to a maximum of three units per semester. Under extraordinary circumstances more than three units per semester may be allowed on petition to the department chair.

An eligible student desiring to register for a 190 or a 290 course must first obtain the consent of an instructor, who will guide the project, and the chair of the department in which the course is given. The student must register for 190 and 290 courses during the regular registration period in the same manner as he or she registers for any other course at the time of registration.

An independent study course normally includes an oral examination by a committee set up by the supervising instructor, a formal report that is filed in the department office, and an abstract of the study that is filed with the department chair. Approval forms and copies of the current regulations may be obtained at department or school offices. The entry on the permanent record shows the discipline and course number only; the title does not appear.

Certain special regulations concerning enrollment in 190 and 290 courses during a summer session can be found in the *Summer Session Catalog*.

**Credit for Noncollegiate Instruction.** CSU, Fresno grants undergraduate degree credit for successful completion of non-collegiate instruction, either military or civilian, appropriate to the baccalaureate, that has been recommended by the Commission on Educational Credit and Credentials of the American Council on Education. The number of units allowed are those recommended in the *Guide to the Evaluation of Educational Experience in the Armed Services* and the *National Guide to Educational Credit for Training Programs*.

**Credit for Military Service Course/Work.** Four semester units of lower-division elective credit is given if the student was on active military duty for at least one year and a day. An applicant for credit must submit a copy of *Notice of Separation* (DD214).

DANTES (Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Educational Support) maintains the educational records of the servicemen and women who have completed SST's (Subject Standardized Tests), CLEP (College Level Examination Program) examinations and GED tests. DANTES has also maintained USAFI (United States Armed Forces Institute) transcripts since that organization ceased to exist in 1974.

College credit is awarded for acceptable SST scores as recommended by DANTES. Equivalency for SST credit is determined by CSU, Fresno departments. Other credits recommended by DANTES (CLEP, etc.) must meet university guidelines for the awarding of credit for those examinations. DANTES/USAFI correspondence credit is combined with other extension or correspondence coursework to a maximum of 24 semester units.

Additional credit is granted for military courses and experiences as recommended in *A Guide to the Evaluation of Educational Experiences in the Armed Services*. The applicant for such credit must submit official documents giving all details such as location and length.

**College Level Examination Program.** The College Level Examination Program (CLEP) is designed to be a means through which recognition, academic credit and placement may be given for less conventional forms of educational experience. Those who may have reached a college level of education through home or correspondence study, on-the-job training, television courses or by other means may take the CLEP examinations, which are offered by the College Entrance Examination Board.

Within the restrictions of systemwide policy, CSU, Fresno awards credit for successfully completed CLEP examinations. Such credit is applied to the total units required for the baccalaureate degree, but it is not applied to the General Education requirement. Not all CLEP examinations are acceptable under system policy. Subject examinations may require the recommendation of the appropriate department before credit is awarded. Course equivalency is also determined by the department concerned.

Credits earned through CLEP are included among the maximum of 30 units of Credit by Examination that may be credited toward a bachelor's degree.

For additional information, call the Office of Testing Services, (209) 294-2457.

**English Equivalency Examination.** The English Equivalency Examination (EEE) is an examination offered by the CSU system. It is administered each spring on the various campuses to prospective freshmen. Students passing both the objective and essay portions of the examination are granted six units of freshman English credit. For information, call the Office of Evaluations, CSU, Fresno, (209) 294-4076.

Credits earned through the EEE are included among the student's Credit by Examination (CBE) units. A maximum of 30 CBE units may be counted toward a bachelor's degree.

Students who want to challenge English 1 CBE may do so only by taking the EEE or the Advanced Placement (AP)-Language and Composition or AP-Literature and Composition tests. Although both tests normally are taken while a senior in high school, only the EEE also may be taken as a university student. Students who pass the EEE earn 6 units of CBE credit — 3 units in English 1 and 3 units in English 20. Students who pass AP-Language and Composition earn 3 units in English 1 and 3 units in English 2; whereas, students who pass AP-Literature and Composition earn 3 units in English 1 and 3 units in English 20.

**Upper Division Writing Examination.** The Upper Division Writing Examination (UDWE) is administered by the university and may be used to satisfy the upper division writing skills requirement. One unit of credit may be granted (English 100W) to registered undergraduate students upon request. This unit may be applied toward the 40 upper-division unit degree requirement and total units for the baccalaureate degree but cannot be applied toward the 30 residence unit degree requirement or for postbaccalaureate credit. University registration deadlines must be adhered to. English 1 is a prerequisite to taking the UDWE. For details, call the Office of Testing Services, (209) 294-2457.