

Special Major. A student may propose a program of correlated studies in two or more fields for a special major. This program must be based on a minimum of 24 units of which 12 are upper division and have the approval of chairmen of the departments concerned and the Dean of the College.

MASTER'S DEGREES

Fresno State College is authorized to grant the following master's degrees: master of arts degree in art, biology, business, economics, education, English, foreign language (French, German, or Spanish), geography, history, industrial arts, mathematics, music, physical education, physics, psychology, social science, and speech; master of science degree in business, chemistry, criminology, mathematics, and physics; professional degrees, master of business administration and master of social work. See *Degree Majors and Minors*.

To be eligible to receive the master's degree a student must have achieved a command of his field of specialization and must have demonstrated competence in independent investigation, analysis, and synthesis beyond the scope of individual courses. *The requirements listed in the following sections are minimums.* For details of specific curricula see the department statements and the *Graduate Bulletin*.

GENERAL REGULATIONS

Applicants for all master's degrees are admitted to graduate standing, programmed, and advanced to candidacy under the same college-wide policies. Most departments, however, impose additional requirements for admission to specific programs, advancement, and completion.

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.