

Extended Education

The Division of Extended Education is responsible for providing adult learners with educational opportunities designed to meet their needs for career advancement, professional growth, or life enrichment.

California State University, Fresno is sensitive to the ever-changing demands of adult life and attempts to meet these diverse educational needs through its many offerings and formats.

Extension Programs. Various academic departments offer conferences, institutes, workshops, seminars, and courses at several sites throughout the university's service area through the Division of Extended Education.

The financially self-supporting Extension Program includes a variety of courses in all disciplines to meet the growing demand for continuing education. To provide flexibility and to serve the needs of the entire community, regular university courses are offered for credit, as well as other programs for noncredit.

Open University provides an opportunity for those individuals who are not matriculated at the university to enroll in regular courses as extension students. These courses are open to anyone in the community.


Travel Study Programs feature a pleasant and rewarding way to learn about another culture. Fresno State instructors design cultural programming to include a variety of interactive and experiential learning activities.

Noncredit Programs. Offerings in this area include specially designed programs developed to satisfy the needs of the specific participants or organizations involved. Short courses, conferences, seminars, workshops, institutes, and test preparation classes are offered regularly throughout the year.

Certificate Programs are designed for adults who are seeking in-depth knowledge or competency in a specialized area but who do not need a degree. With segments building upon one another, these programs help increase participants' advancement and/or career options.

Off-Campus Degree Programs allow students living in other areas to earn degrees without moving or commuting to the campus. They consist of classes held at remote sites as well as interactive courses that originate on the university's campus and are broadcast to select locations throughout the state.

Summer and Winter Programs. The university offers short-term summer session and winter session classes to university students who wish to earn residence credit toward a degree and to individuals from the community wishing to continue their education. These programs often accelerate progress toward earning a degree or credential.

For a catalog of current course offerings, call the Division of Extended Education at 278-0333. 



Eldercisers — one of the many life enrichment courses offered through Extended Education.