SPECIAL MAJOR FOR THE BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE

The special major for a bachelor of arts degree provides an opportunity for students to engage in an individualized course of study leading to a degree when legitimate academic and professional goals are not accommodated by standard degree majors. The special major consists of correlated studies in two or more fields. It is not intended as a means of bypassing normal graduation requirements or a means by which students may graduate who fail to complete the degree major in which they are enrolled.

The special major must be approved by the Academic Vice President, with approval based upon a case-by-case justification. A candidate for a special major must have more than one full year of academic work (more than 30 units) still to be completed to meet minimum degree requirements. The minimum requirement for the special major is an approved program of at least 24 semester units of upper division work; units applied to satisfy general education requirements may not be counted.

A student requesting a special major must: 1) Prepare a statement giving his reasons for desiring a special major in terms of his academic and professional goals and why he cannot meet these goals through a standard major; 2) Develop a specific list of courses which would, in his opinion, lead to the academic and professional goals stated above; 3) Secure the signed approval of the department chairman in the areas from which the special major courses are drawn, and 4) Submit the foregoing material to the Office of the Academic Vice President for final approval.

PUBLIC SCHOOL CREDENTIALS

Fresno State College is authorized by the State Board of Education to recommend candidates for public school service credentials in elementary and secondary teaching, administration, supervision, pupil personnel services and special education. Courses leading to specializations in administration, supervision, and junior college teaching are also offered.

All students must meet certain minimum requirements prior to admission to a credential program. The requirements are listed in the *School of Education*. Holders of bachelor's degrees must complete a minimum of 15 semester units of postgraduate work in residence at Fresno State College to qualify for a college recommended teaching credential. Candidates for the administration, supervision, and pupil personnel services credential must complete at least one half of the required postgraduate work in residence.

Admission to Fresno State College does not in itself include admission to credential programs, nor does it determine the catalog by which admission and program requirements shall be evaluated. Students planning to prepare for school service credentials, see *School of Education*.

The revised credential structure under the *Licensing of Certificated Personnel Law of 1961*, effective January 1, 1964, reduces the number of public school credentials to five basic types *(California Education Code, Section 13187)*. Candidates for a standard teaching credential must complete major and minor requirements in accordance with one of the options described under *School of Education*. For a detailed outline of major-minor options, see *School of Education—Major and Minor Requirements for Standard Teaching Credentials*.

The *California Education Code, Section 13188*, presently defines academic subject matter areas as the natural sciences, the social sciences, the humanities, mathematics, and the fine arts. To determine whether a proposed major or minor field is included within the requirement that it be commonly taught in the public schools, consult the school or department in which the subject is offered.

For requirements for the following credentials see the *School of Education:*

The Standard Teaching Credential With a Specialization in Elementary Teaching, Secondary Teaching, or Junior College Teaching.
The Standard Designated Subjects Teaching Credential.
The Standard Designated Services Credential.
The Standard Supervision Credential.
The Standard Administration Credential.