

In addition, only credit for courses in which grades A, B, C, or CR are earned may be counted. No course may have its credit divided between baccalaureate and postbaccalaureate programs; use of such credit for graduate degrees at California State University, Fresno requires special approval and is limited to one-third of the total units required in a graduate degree program. (Search Graduate Studies - Advancement to Candidacy.) Only students with graduate standing may enroll in the following courses: 290, 298, 299. (Search Graduate Studies - Criteria for Thesis and Project.) Use of postbaccalaureate credit for other purposes is to be determined by the appropriate authority.

Graduation

Students who anticipate meeting bachelor's degree requirements by the end of a term should file an online application for a degree (with appropriate fees) with the Undergraduate Degree Evaluations. The Division of Research and Graduate Studies processes graduate degree applications. See Academic Calendar for filing dates and deadlines. Failure to apply before the final deadline will delay the granting of the degree.

The Undergraduate Degree Evaluations checks students' applications for bachelor's degrees and informs them regarding eligibility for the degrees. Degrees are not awarded to students with **I** or **RD** grades remaining on their records. Students receiving I grades during the final year that have not been completed (or changed to **F** grades) by the appropriate clearance deadline will not be considered for graduation that semester and must reapply for the degree. (Search Incomplete.)

In order to be eligible for graduation, students must:

1. Submit an online application for the degree and pay the graduation fee
2. Have completed with appropriate scholastic standing all courses required for the degree. (Graduates receive their official diplomas by mail.)
3. Have filed official transcripts for all coursework attempted prior to graduation

It is the responsibility of students to be sure that all requirements have been met and that documentation has been filed with the Undergraduate Degree Evaluations or the Division of Research and Graduate Studies by the appropriate deadlines. No additions, deletions, or changes to students' records are permitted after the degree has been recorded.

Honors at Graduation. Honors at the time of graduation from the university are awarded to undergraduate students based on the following criteria:

1. Students must have an overall minimum grade point average of 3.5 on all work attempted.
2. Students must have a minimum grade point average of 3.5 on all work taken at the university.

The grade point average earned at California State University, Fresno determines which honors the student receives:

Summa Cum Laude (highest honors) 3.90 to 4.00

Magna Cum Laude (high honors) 3.70 to 3.89

Cum Laude (honors) 3.50 to 3.69

Since the requirement for honors could change, students are requested to check the current General Catalog for the criteria in effect at the time of graduation.

The California Promise Program

The California Promise Program enables a specific number of CSU campuses to establish pledge programs for entering first-time students who are both interested and able to complete baccalaureate degrees in 4-years. All campuses have established programs for students with Associate Degrees for Transfer from any California Community College to complete their baccalaureate degrees in 2-years. The program is limited to students who are residents of California.

Students who commit to enter either the 4-year or 2-year pledge will be given a priority registration appointment for each state-supported enrollment period and will be provided with routine and thorough academic advisement. In order to remain in the program, students must meet with their advisors as prescribed, develop an enrollment plan and complete 30 semester units or the quarter equivalent within each academic year, including summer. Participating campuses may stipulate other requirements as well. Interested students entering the CSU should contact campus offices or visit www2.calstate.edu/apply/freshman/getting_into_the_csu/pages/the-california-promise-program.aspx.

Commencement

Commencement is held annually at the end of spring semester. Students who have completed degree requirements in the summer or in the fall semester immediately preceding commencement are eligible to participate with those who complete their