



**Post-Baccalaureate Credit.** Upper division and/or graduate level units earned at CSU, Fresno in the semester or summer session in which the bachelor's degree is granted will be automatically listed on the student's permanent record as post-baccalaureate credit with the following exceptions:

- a) Provided the courses are not needed for the bachelor's degree;
- b) Provided the student is neither on academic probation nor academic disqualification at the beginning of the final term;
- c) Units are not in excess of stated maximum limitations (e.g., six units of independent study).

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 post-baccalaureate programs, and use of such credit for graduate degrees at CSU, Fresno requires special approval and is limited to a maximum of 10 units. (See *Graduate Studies and Research—Advancement to Candidacy*). The amount of post-baccalaureate credit allowed may not exceed one-third of the required units for the master's degree. Only students with graduate standing may enroll in the following courses: 290, 298, 299. Use of post-baccalaureate credit for other purposes is to be determined by the appropriate authority.

### Graduation and 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 work in the spring semester. Students looking forward to meeting degree requirements should complete the following steps:

1. Obtain and file a completed application for a degree (\$10 graduation fee and a \$10 diploma fee) in the Evaluations Office when the student has one or two semesters remaining. See *Academic Calendar* for filing dates and deadlines (\$10 fine for late filing). Failure to apply before the final deadline will delay the granting of the degree.
2. Request the Records Office Public Contact windows to transfer CSU, Fresno Extension units to the permanent record.

The Evaluations Office, considering the student's prior and current work, will check the student's application for a bachelor's degree against requirements and will report to the student regarding his or her eligibility for the degree. In the case of graduate degrees, this clearance is given by the Graduate Office. A degree will not be awarded to a student with an "I" grade remaining on his or her record. A student receiving an "I" grade during the final year which has not been completed (or changed to an "F" grade) by the appropriate clearance deadline will not be considered for graduation that semester and must reapply for the degree. See *Incomplete*.

In order to be eligible for graduation and participate in commencement exercises, the student must:

- a) submit an application for the degree and pay the graduation fee;
- b) have been approved for graduation by the faculty;
- c) have met all financial obligations to the university;
- d) and, have completed with appropriate scholastic standing all courses required for the degree. Graduates will receive their official diplomas by mail.

It is the responsibility of the student to be sure that all requirements have been met and that documentation has been filed with the Evaluations Office by the appropriate deadlines. No additions, deletions or changes to a student's record are permitted after the degree has been recorded.

**Honors at Graduation.** Honors at the time of graduation from CSU, Fresno will be awarded to undergraduate students with an overall grade point average of 3.50 on all work attempted. The student must also have completed at least 45 units at CSU, Fresno with the following GPA on all CSU, Fresno work:

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 Catalog for the criteria in effect at the time of graduation.

### The Bachelor of Vocational Education Degree

The Bachelor of vocational education (BVE) degree is limited to vocational teachers who qualify for a Swan Bill evaluation through the state Board of Vocational Examiners.

Qualifications required for such an evaluation are outlined in the State Education Code. Among these qualifications is the stipulation that the candidate shall have had a minimum of 1,620 hours of teaching experience in an approved vocational class or 1,000 hours of teaching experience in an approved trade extension class. Additional information regarding this degree program may be obtained from the Chairman of the Department of Industrial Arts and Technology. BVE students must complete all general requirements for the baccalaureate degree except the 40 upper division unit requirement.