

In accordance with *Title 5 of the Administrative Code*, Section 40404, a student, in order to graduate, must demonstrate his competence with respect to the Constitution of the United States, American History, and in the principles of state and local government of California. This may be done by passing examinations or by completing appropriate courses. (See *History Department—American History Requirement* and *Political Science Department—United States Constitution Requirement*.) Attention is called to the fact that under *Election of Regulations*, if a student chooses to graduate in accordance with courses stated in the catalog prior to the 1969-70 General Catalog, he must satisfy requirements for elementary algebra and plane geometry.

#### FOREIGN LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT

Foreign language is not a general college requirement for admission to or graduation from Fresno State College.

However, some schools and departments require the study of a foreign language as part of the preparation for specified undergraduate and graduate majors. In general, upper division and graduate courses in these fields require the use of foreign language. See school and department statements of majors for details and suggestions for appropriate languages.

Students following majors which require the study of a foreign language ordinarily meet the requirement in one of the following ways:

1. Students who have no foreign language credit from high school complete two years of satisfactory collegiate study in one foreign language.
2. Students who have high school credit or other experience in a foreign language and who wish to continue in the same language are required to take a foreign language placement test before enrolling in a foreign language class. Normally students beginning a new language will enroll in the 1A class. College credit may be earned in the class in which the student is placed. (See *Credit Allowance in Foreign Language*.)

Successful completion of a 2B foreign language course will be accepted as fulfillment of the foreign language requirement. Students taking the foreign language placement test and placing beyond the 2B level will be certified as having met the foreign language requirement. Consult the *Schedule of Courses* for dates of placement tests.

3. Students who do not have the prescribed high school or college credit may elect to meet the foreign language requirement by passing a competence examination. Usually only lower division courses in foreign language may be passed by examination. Credit by examination will be granted in foreign language only prior to the completion of the first upper division course in the same foreign language and may be obtained only in languages taught at the college. See the chairman of the Foreign Language Department.
4. Students seeking a second bachelor's degree major or a master's degree will be held for any foreign language requirement in the field.
5. Unless the major specifies the language to be used, a foreign student may offer English to meet the requirement, provided his native language is not English and provided he has come to this country primarily to pursue academic work and expects to return to his home after completing his course of study.

#### GENERAL EDUCATION

Through its general education program, Fresno State College attempts to ensure that each student shall have an opportunity to enlarge his awareness of areas which he may be unable to explore in depth but which are likely to enhance his appreciation of life experiences and his contributions to society.