

The **Certificate of Special Study** is awarded for successfully completing a structured program of educational experiences of at least twelve semester units, determined in advance by a department or school, and consisting of upper division (100-199) courses, professional (300-399) courses, and related activities.

Certificate of Advanced Study. A certificate program of special study at the postbaccalaureate level.

Concurrent Enrollment. The term **concurrent enrollment** is used to describe several different types of enrollment:

1. **Open University Enrollment.** Nonmatriculated students may enroll in regular California State University, Fresno classes through Continuing and Global Education.
2. **Concurrent Enrollment at Other CSU Campuses.** CSU students may attend two CSU campuses simultaneously. This type of enrollment is not often used by California State University, Fresno students because of the distance to other CSU campuses. (See the registrar for details.)
3. **Concurrent Enrollment at a Non-CSU College or University.** While enrolled at California State University, Fresno, students may enroll for additional courses at another institution outside the CSU system. The course load in the combined enrollment program may not exceed the maximum unit load restrictions for California State University, Fresno.

Core. A common set of courses within a major or minor that all students are required to complete.

Degree Progress Report (DPR). DPR is a tool that assists in the advising process. Students can print their own DPR through self-service. The DPR shows the student's progress in a chosen degree program, using courses taken at California State University, Fresno and transfer institutions. The DPR displays how courses apply toward the student's declared major, General Education, and degree requirements. It also displays a list of approved courses for each requirement to be completed.

Double-Counting. Allowing one course to fulfill two separate requirements concurrently; e.g., allowing one course to fulfill both a major requirement and the upper-division writing skills requirement, or allowing one course to fulfill both a major requirement and General Education requirement.

Electives. Courses/units a student selects to complete the total unit requirement for the baccalaureate degree and/or to complete requirements for the major.

Grade Point Average (GPA). The grade point average is a measure of academic scholarship and performance which is computed by dividing units attempted into grade points earned. Three separate GPAs are computed:

1. Cumulative GPA for all baccalaureate or postbaccalaureate units by degree objective.
2. Cumulative GPA for total California State University, Fresno units.
3. GPA for that semester only.

A minimum of a **C** average (2.0 GPA) for units in the major, all California State University, Fresno units, and total units is required for a baccalaureate degree. (Search for Grade Symbols and Grade Points, Degree Requirements.) Master's degree students have a higher minimum GPA requirement. (Search for Graduate Studies Advancement to Candidacy, Grade Requirements.)

Major. Set of required courses from one or more departments designed to provide students with the knowledge, skills, and experiences necessary to pursue a specific career and/or advanced study. A student must earn a 2.0 grade point average in all courses required for the major, except "additional requirements," in order to graduate. (Minimum Title 5 requirements: B.A. 24 units of which 12 must be upper division exclusive of General Education; B.S. 36 units of which 18 must be upper division exclusive of General Education.)

Minor. In addition to academic majors, the university offers a number of minors. A minor is a formal set of courses in a designated subject area distinct from a student's major. The intent of a minor is to provide a condensed and cohesive academic experience, in addition to a major. Minors consist of a minimum of 12 semester units, at least 6 of which must be upper-division residence units. Minors must be completed with a minimum GPA of 2.0. Minors offered by academic departments and programs are listed in the minors section of the catalog. Detailed descriptions are found in the listings of the particular departments and programs. Courses in the minor may not also count toward a student's major except as Additional Requirements to that major. However, courses fulfilling requirements for a minor usually may be counted toward General Education. Refer to the description of the specific minor for exceptions.

A student may earn one or more minors provided that the requirements above are met for each and that at least 12 units in each of the two minors are distinct and include at least 6 upper-division units in residence.

Option. Set of required courses within a major in addition to the major core courses that emphasizes one important aspect of that school or college, department, or program. The option in a major will appear on a diploma.