
Academic Regulations

Students must meet all degree requirements as specified in their catalog year.

Bachelor's/Master's/Doctoral Degrees

California State University, Fresno is authorized to grant the Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, Master of Arts, Master of Science, Master of Biotechnology, Master of Business Administration, Master of Fine Arts, Master of Physical Therapy, Master of Public Administration, Master of Public Health, and Master of Social Work degrees. California State University, Fresno offers an Educational Specialist degree (Ed.S.) in School Psychology, a Doctor of Physical Therapy (D.P.T.) in Physical Therapy and a Doctor of Nursing Practice (D.N.P.) jointly conferred with California State University, San Jose. California State University, Fresno also offers a doctoral degree (Ed.D.) in Educational Leadership. See Kremen School of Education and Human Development for public school credentials for which the university is authorized to recommend candidates.

Definition of Key Terms

Additional Requirements. Courses from one or more departments or programs that are required in support of the major. Such courses are not included in the minimum 2.0 grade point average required in the major for graduation and may be waived or substituted at the discretion of the major department or program. Additional requirements normally may be applied toward a minor. Additional requirements may also be applied toward General Education unless specifically prohibited by the major department.

Certificate. A set of interdisciplinary courses comprised of a minimum of 12 units focusing on a special area of study. Students are not required to be matriculated or be undergraduates. Certificates are awarded upon completion of the program regardless of catalog year or degree status. The university awards three types of certificates. They include the Certificate of Completion, the Certificate of Special Study, and the Certificate of Advanced Study. See *Certificates in Degree Requirements* for more information.

- The **Certificate of Completion** is awarded for successfully completing a planned educational experience designed for specific academic objectives.
- 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 registered into grade points earned. Three separate GPAs are computed: