

semester during which the leave is to begin.

5. Leaves are not approved for students in disqualified status or on contract to remove academic deficiencies.
6. It is expected that a student will devote his or her leave primarily to nonclassroom activities. A leave is not approved if the student plans to attend another institution, unless the coursework the student seeks is not available at California State University, Fresno. Any academic credit earned while on a planned educational leave is accredited by California State University, Fresno only if permission is granted for that credit in advance by the admissions officer.
7. Students who do not return to the university at the conclusion of their planned educational leave and those who enroll elsewhere without permission of the admissions officer will be considered to have withdrawn from the university at the end of their last semester of regular enrollment at California State University, Fresno.

Students wishing to apply for a planned educational leave should obtain a request form from the admissions officer, Joyal 106, (559) 278-2191.

**Student Academic Petitions.** The Student Academic Petitions Committee has the authority to permit exceptions to university baccalaureate degree requirements when fulfilling the degree requirement would prove to be an undue hardship for the student and/or such an exception can be demonstrated to be educationally justifiable. The committee will take action only upon the submission of a formal petition by the student that sets forth the facts and circumstances that may warrant special consideration.

The Petitions Committee does *not* make decisions pertaining to substitutions for undergraduate and graduate major requirements. Such requests are initiated through the student's department. Requests to waive established university policy governing graduate study may be addressed to the dean, Division of Graduate Studies. If a request cannot be accommodated, it is forwarded to the Graduate Committee.

**Grade Protests.** The Student Academic Petitions Committee also has the responsibility of handling grade protests for all students, undergraduate and postbaccalaureate. Students, who believe they have been graded unfairly or incorrectly by an instructor, should consult first with the faculty member concerned within the first 15 working days of the following semester and make every effort to resolve the issue. (On many occasions when students contact the instructor about a grade thought to be assigned unfairly, they learn that the instructor actually made a recording error. This will be remedied when the instructor obtains a Grade Correction Request form from the departmental secretary and submits the completed form to the Admissions and Records Office.)

If the issue is not resolved, students should then consult with the department chair. If a student still believes that the grade was assigned unfairly or incorrectly after completing this process, the student then may request that the Student Academic Petitions Committee review the issue. Before requesting such a review, students should make an appointment with an academic counselor in the Office of Advising Services (Joyal, Rm. 224; 278-1787) to discuss their particular situation and to receive a copy of the university's grade protest policy as well as additional procedural instructions.

Students then must submit a written statement no later than midsemester setting forth all pertinent details to the director of Advising Services, who chairs the Petitions Committee.

### Scholarship Status

**Satisfactory Scholarship.** Satisfactory scholarship means at least a *C* average (2.0 grade point average or twice as many grade points as units attempted) and satisfactory progress toward a degree for undergraduate and postbaccalaureate students without a master's degree objective. Graduate (master's degree) students must maintain at least a *B* average.

A student (undergraduate, postbaccalaureate or graduate) whose grade point average falls below the satisfactory scholarship level is placed on probation and is disqualified if the grade point average falls below probation levels. (For details see the copy that follows.) Only the most recent probation or disqualification action appears on the student's transcript.

**Probation.** Undergraduate students are placed on academic probation, a type of academic warning, for the following:

1. Their grade point average (GPA) based on total units attempted at all colleges is below a 2.0 (*C* average) or
2. Their GPA based on all units attempted at California State University, Fresno is below a 2.0 average.

Students remain on academic probation until both overall and California State University, Fresno grade point averages are 2.0 or better, or until they are disqualified under one of the provisions of the disqualification regulations.

For example, a first semester freshman would be placed on probation if he/she carried 12 units (four 3-unit classes) and earned one *B*, two *C*s, and one *F*. A student would then have to earn three *C*s and one *B* or better (in four 3-unit classes) the following semester to regain satisfactory scholarship status.

These regulations also apply to all postbaccalaureate students except those enrolled in master's programs. The latter are expected to maintain a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 in all units attempted subsequent to admission to the master's program. Master's students who fall below the required GPA are placed on probation.

A student may be placed on administrative-academic probation for withdrawal from a substantial portion of a program in two successive terms or in any three terms; for repeated failure to progress toward a degree; or for failure to comply with an academic requirement or regulation that is routine for all students or for a defined group of students.

**Disqualification.** Students are disqualified if they are on probation and fail to meet the assigned scholarship contract or if they have a cumulative deficiency on