

**Secondary Specialization (Minimum Requirements)****Majors**

*D. Nonacademic subject not commonly taught in public high schools*

**Minors**

Two minors of 20 semester hours, both academic. (20 semester hours in a single academic subject, or 20 in an interdepartmental group with 12 in one subject constitute a minor.)

At the present time the *California Education Code, Section 13188*, defines academic subject matter areas as the natural sciences, the social sciences, humanities, mathematics, and fine arts. At Fresno State College the majors so defined include that in general agriculture. To determine whether a proposed major is in a subject area commonly taught in the public schools, consult the Elementary or Secondary Education Department chairman. For requirements in specialized preparation, see the *Advanced Studies Department*.

**EDUCATION MAJOR**

The major in education consisting of 24 semester units of upper division work may be used as a basis for the bachelor's degree. Students selecting education as a degree major must also present a subject matter major in order to qualify for a teaching credential. Students desiring to major in education should consult the Dean of the School of Education.

**APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO CREDENTIAL PROGRAMS**

Students planning to undertake a program of studies leading to a credential must file with the School of Education, through its Teacher Education Office, an application for admission to the credential program. This should normally be done during the first semester of the junior year. Candidates for credentials entering the college as juniors, seniors, or graduate students should make application for admission to the credential program immediately following admission to the college.

Under normal circumstances students will not be permitted to enroll in any of the professional course work leading to any credential until official admission to the credential program has been granted.

Acceptance for a credential program does not guarantee the granting of the credential, nor does acceptance for one credential or specialization imply acceptance for another credential or specialization. Final admission to a credential program must follow admission to the college and to graduate standing, where appropriate.

The following minimum requirements must be met for acceptance in the programs of professional preparation. Additional criteria may be used for acceptance to programs leading to professional master of arts degrees.

1. **Academic Aptitude.** Students who fall below the percentile rank of 25 on the college aptitude and reading tests must demonstrate compensating strength in other areas listed in the following sections.
2. **Scholarship.** Candidates for credentials with elementary specialization must present a minimum grade point average of 2.25 in the total college program. Candidates for credentials with secondary specialization must present a minimum grade point average of 2.50 in the total college program. A grade point average of at least 2.0 must be maintained in all work taken at Fresno State College.
3. **Professional Aptitude.** Ability to work with pupils, parents, and school officials must be demonstrated in field work assignments.