

Prior to 1969, the *California Administrative Code, Title 5* required for general education the completion of a specified number of units in certain subject matter areas, and also specified the completion of units in certain subjects. In September 1969, new requirements removed the specific subject requirements, modified the areas in which courses must be taken, and reduced the total number of units required. The General Education-Breadth Requirements provide for a minimum of 40 units with a minimum of 32 units in 4 named areas and 8 units of electives determined by the college. Fresno State College interprets the requirements as outlined in this section; they are applicable to all undergraduate degree programs. See *School of Education* for information on somewhat different and additional general education requirements for credentials.

Transfer Students

Title 5 provides that general education-breadth requirements completed at an accredited college by a student who transfers to Fresno State College shall be accepted to the extent stated in the certification provided by that college. Transfer students who have all of their general education requirements or a portion thereof certified as being complete and who change their majors after being admitted to Fresno State College are advised that additional general education courses may be required for graduation. This possibility arises from the fact that major requirements and general education requirements are exclusive of each other.

Selection of Courses

The general education program requires the student to exercise responsibility in the selection of courses. This selection should be made in such a way as to complement the major as well as to provide for an introduction to other areas and disciplines. The student is urged to consult with his adviser in constructing his program of studies to ensure that his selection of courses is compatible with his educational objectives.

General education requirements are in addition to degree major requirements; *no units used to satisfy the requirements of the degree major may also be used to satisfy any part of the 40 units in the general education-breadth requirement.* This regulation extends to those 4-unit art and philosophy courses which include 1 unit of composition credit. Only those students not majoring in the field in which such a 4-unit course is given may apply the composition credit toward the completion of the basic subject area requirement. Appropriate general education courses may be used toward completion of a minor or toward any additional requirements for the degree major.

Courses used to satisfy the state requirement in American history and in federal, state, and local government, as described in the section on Special Course Requirements, may not be used to satisfy general education requirements. Courses used to satisfy the graduation requirement in physical education may not also be used for general education credit. Although physical education courses are listed in the general education program, these courses cannot be counted for both general education credit and graduation credit. Students who are completing a credential program must satisfy a special composition requirement. (See *School of Education—General Education*)

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

At least 2 courses and a minimum of 6 units shall be selected in each of the first 4 areas to make a minimum 32 units. Additional electives shall be selected from the 5 areas to make a minimum of 40 units. The courses whose completion will satisfy each of the area requirements are:

Area I. NATURAL SCIENCES

- Animal Science: A Sci 10
- Anthropology: Anth 1
- Biology: Biol 10, 20, 120