

FRESNO STATE COLLEGE

GENERAL INFORMATION

FUNCTIONS

Fresno State College, a California State College, provides undergraduate and graduate instruction through the master's degree. Its programs include the School of Arts and Sciences, the School of Agricultural Sciences, the School of Business, the School of Education, the School of Engineering, the School of Professional Studies, the School of Social Work, and the School of Graduate Studies, as well as several special programs which cut across school lines.

Fresno State College has as its purpose the developing of competent individuals as students, as citizens, and as effective leaders, as well as the preparation of students in a wide variety of professions and occupations. The college also provides further education for public agencies, school systems, private business enterprises, and agriculture, through its continuing education, in-service education, and its research programs.

HISTORY

Fresno State College was established in 1911. Between 1911 and 1921 a campus was built and expanded at the northern border of the City of Fresno. In 1921 the former normal school became Fresno State Teachers College, granting the bachelor's degree. Continuing its growth and diversification of offerings, the college became Fresno State College in 1935. After World War II Fresno State College accelerated its expansion. In 1949 the college first granted the master's degree.

During the years 1953-1958 the college was moved from its first campus to a site of 1410 acres, six miles to the northeast. In 1961 the administration and control of the California State Colleges were transferred from the State Board of Education to the Trustees of the California State Colleges.

An approximation of university organization was effected during the years between 1965 and 1968 through the organization of eight schools, each with its own dean. The college at present has a faculty of approximately 850 and a regular semester student body of approximately 11,000 of whom 9,000 are undergraduate and 2,000 graduate students. Additional thousands of students are enrolled in summer session and extension programs.

Presidents of Fresno State College: Charles L. McLane (1911-1927), Frank W. Thomas (1927-1948), Arnold E. Joyal (1948-1964), and Frederic W. Ness (1964-.....).

NATIONAL RATING AND ACCREDITING

The college is accredited by the California State Board of Education and the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, and is a member of the Western Association of Graduate Schools and the Council of Graduate Schools in the United States. It is a member of the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education and is accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education. The School of Business is a member of the American Association of Collegiate Schools of Business. The Chemistry Department is approved by the American Chemical Society. The Nursing Department is accredited by the National League for Nursing and the California State Board of Nursing Education and Nurse Registration. The Journalism Department is accredited by the American Council on Education for Journalism; its news editorial sequence is specifically accredited by the Council. The School of Engineering is accredited by the Engineers' Council for Professional Development. The School of Social Work holds both undergraduate and graduate membership in the Council on Social Work Education and its two-year professional Master of Social Work program is accredited by the Council.