

ADMISSION TO POST-BACCALAUREATE AND GRADUATE STANDING

Admission standards are stated in the *California Administrative Code*, Title 5, which provides uniform admission regulations for all California State University and Colleges. Two main admission categories are defined in terms of the student's educational objectives at the time of planned enrollment. These are *post-baccalaureate standing* and *graduate standing*.

Post-Baccalaureate Standing-Unclassified

For admission to unclassified post-baccalaureate standing, a student must: (a) hold an acceptable baccalaureate degree from an institution accredited by a regional accrediting association or have completed equivalent academic preparation as determined by an appropriate campus authority (see *unvalidated standing*, below); (b) have attained a grade-point average of at least 2.5 (on a five-point scale) in the last 60 semester units attempted; and, (c) have been in good standing at the last college attended. Students in unclassified standing may pursue objectives such as course work for professional growth or the completion of the requirements for a second major at the baccalaureate level.

Admission to a State University or College with post-baccalaureate unclassified standing does not constitute admission to graduate degree curricula.

It is contrary to university policy to grant a second bachelor's degree after the student has earned a comparable degree from an accredited institution (see *Degrees and Credentials*). However, in those few exceptional cases where this policy is waived for cause, the student completes the requirements for the second degree in unclassified post-baccalaureate standing. Waivers of the policy are granted by the Committee on Student Academic Petitions upon recommendation of the Dean, School of Graduate Studies, and only when there is clear indication that the student's professional goals cannot be attained without the possession of a specified second bachelor's degree. An example would be when state licensing regulations for certain professions require the licensee to hold a certain type of bachelor's degree. For further information, consult the Dean, School of Graduate Studies.

A graduate of a nonaccredited college may be granted admission with *unvalidated post-baccalaureate standing* (unclassified), upon the filing of the application and two copies of official transcripts of all college work. Such a student may be eligible for placement in regular post-baccalaureate or graduate standing when he or she has cleared all undergraduate deficiencies and has maintained, in residence at CSU, Fresno, a grade-point average of 3.0 on 12 units of approved upper division work or an average of 2.5 on 24 units of approved upper division work. (Prospective applicants to master's degree programs, see also *Master's Degrees—Grade Requirements*.) When a student with unvalidated post-baccalaureate standing has met the above requirements, it is his or her responsibility to request a new statement of standing from the Admissions Office.

It should be noted that a post-baccalaureate student who has been admitted to the university will receive notice of such admission in *unclassified standing* by the Office of Admissions, regardless of his or her application to pursue a credential or a master's degree program. Admission to classified standing involves the additional step of an evaluation of the student's record and other documents in accordance with the admission criteria of the program in question. Notification of admission to classified standing is the responsibility of the School of Education Admissions Office in the case of applicants to credential programs and the Office of the School of Graduate Studies for master's degree programs.

Post-Baccalaureate Standing-Classified

A student who is eligible for admission to a State University or College in unclassified standing may be admitted to classified post-baccalaureate standing for the purpose of enrolling in a particular post-baccalaureate credential or certificate program; provided, that such additional professional, personal, scholastic, and other standards, including qualifying examinations, as may be prescribed for the particular program by the appropriate campus authority are satisfied. In addition to the application for admission to the university, an application for admission to the credential program must be filed with the School of Education. (See *School of Education—Application for Admission to Credential Programs*.)