

1. Cumulative GPA for all baccalaureate or postbaccalaureate units by degree objective.
2. Cumulative GPA for total California State University, Fresno units.
3. GPA for that semester only.

A minimum of a C average (2.0 GPA) for units in the major, all California State University, Fresno units, and total units is required for a baccalaureate degree. (Search for Grade Symbols and Grade Points, Degree Requirements.) Master's degree students have a higher minimum GPA requirement. (Search for Graduate Studies Advancement to Candidacy, Grade Requirements.)

Major. Set of required courses from one or more departments designed to provide students with the knowledge, skills, and experiences necessary to pursue a specific career and/or advanced study. A student must earn a 2.0 grade point average in all courses required for the major, except "additional requirements," in order to graduate. (Minimum Title 5 requirements: B.A. 24 units of which 12 must be upper division exclusive of General Education; B.S. 36 units of which 18 must be upper division exclusive of General Education.)

Minor. In addition to academic majors, the university offers a number of minors. A minor is a formal set of courses in a designated subject area distinct from a student's major. The intent of a minor is to provide a condensed and cohesive academic experience, in addition to a major. Minors consist of a minimum of 12 semester units, at least 6 of which must be upper-division residence units. Minors must be completed with a minimum GPA of 2.0. Minors offered by academic departments and programs are listed in the minors section of the catalog. Detailed descriptions are found in the listings of the particular departments and programs. Courses in the minor may not also count toward a student's major except as Additional Requirements to that major. However, courses fulfilling requirements for a minor usually may be counted toward General Education. Refer to the description of the specific minor for exceptions.

A student may earn one or more minors provided that the requirements above are met for each and that at least 12 units in each of the two minors are distinct and include at least 6 upper-division units in residence.

Option. Set of required courses within a major in addition to the major core courses that emphasizes one important aspect of that school or college, department, or program.

Concentration. A specialized area of study within a major. The concentration does not appear on the diploma. Concentrations may or may not appear within majors that have also approved formal options. The term concentration is often used interchangeably with the terms emphasis, specialization, or track.

Prerequisite Requirements. Prerequisite courses must be completed prior to enrollment in the listed course; corequisite courses must be completed prior to or concurrently with the listed course. Students who do not meet these requirements may be disenrolled by the instructor or by the university.

Recommended Courses. Courses that the department faculty believe would be beneficial for a student to take but are not mandated or required as part of the major.

Units. A credit or semester unit represents one hour of class work per week for one semester. It is assumed that two hours of preparation are required for each hour in class. Three hours of laboratory per week are the equivalent of one unit. In a limited number of courses two hours of laboratory per week are the equivalent of one unit. Also, two hours of activity or studio (art, dance, music, physical education) are normally equivalent to one unit of credit. One quarter unit of credit is equivalent to two-thirds of a semester unit.

Units attempted and units earned are terms that appear on the student's transcript and evaluation. Units attempted is the column used for GPA calculation. The units earned column is used to determine units completed toward the total unit requirement for the degree.

Choice of Catalog

Election of Regulations. An undergraduate student or postbaccalaureate student pursuing a second bachelor's degree or second major must fulfill degree requirements from one catalog, not the most favorable requirements from two or more catalogs. As long as a student maintains "continuous attendance,"* he or she may elect, for purposes of fulfilling graduation requirements, one of the following:

1. The catalog in effect at the time a student enters a California community college or a campus of the California State University system.
2. The catalog in effect at the time a student enters California State University, Fresno.
3. The catalog in effect at the time the student applies to graduate from California State University, Fresno.

*A student may not begin "continuous attendance" while still enrolled in high school.

Continuous attendance is defined as being officially enrolled at least one semester or two quarters during a calendar year.