

Continuing and Global Education - Extension Programs



The Extension Programs Office is conveniently located in the Education Building, easily accessible to the public.

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The Extension Programs Office is responsible for providing adult learners with educational opportunities designed to meet their needs for career advancement, professional growth, or life enrichment.

California State University, Fresno is sensitive to the ever-changing demands of adult life and attempts to meet these diverse educational needs through its many offerings and formats.

The financially self-supporting Extension Program includes a variety of courses in all disciplines to meet the growing demand for continuing education. To provide flexibility and to serve the needs of the entire community, regular university courses are offered for credit, as well as other programs for non-credit.

Extension Courses

Various academic departments offer conferences, institutes, workshops, seminars, and courses at several sites throughout the university's service area through the Extension Programs Office.

Open University

Open University provides an opportunity for those individuals who are not matriculated at the university to enroll in regular courses. These courses are open to anyone in the community.

Travel Study Programs

These programs feature a pleasant and rewarding way to learn about another culture. With university faculty members as escorts, these programs offer cultural activities based on a unique combination of travel and learning.



Summer day camps for children are among the many Extension Programs open to students of all ages.

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI)

Funded by the Bernard Osher Foundation, the OLLI was created for adults age 50+ who wish to learn and explore for the pure enjoyment of it. Innovative intellectual activities such as lectures, classes, and field trips take place on the Fresno State campus and off-site in other communities.

Non-credit Programs

Offerings in this area include specially designed programs developed to satisfy the needs of the specific participants or organizations involved. Short courses, conferences, seminars, workshops, institutes, and test preparation classes are offered regularly throughout the year.

Certificate Programs

Certificate programs are designed for adults who are seeking in-depth knowledge or competency in a specialized area but who do not need a degree. With segments building upon one another, these programs help increase participants' advancement and/or career options.

Off-Campus Degree Programs

These programs allow students living in other areas to earn degrees without moving or commuting to the campus. They consist of weekend classes designed for working professionals and held at selected locations throughout the Central Valley.

For a catalog of Extension Program offerings, call the Division of Continuing and Global Education at 559.278.0333. ♦