

Degree Requirements

Baccalaureate Degree Requirements

A student must complete the following requirements in order to earn a Bachelor of Arts or Science degree. Requirements are described in detail in the latter part of this section. Most students accumulate a combination of units in the major, General Education, and nondesignated electives in order to fulfill the requirements of a baccalaureate degree. These requirements are fulfilled when a student successfully completes:

1. a minimum of 124 semester units (most B.S. degree programs require 128 or more units)
2. an academic major
3. General Education requirements
4. specific course/skill requirements:
 - a. English Composition (English 1 or equivalent)
 - b. United States History (History 11 or 12)

- c. United States and California Constitution (Political Science 2 or 101)
- d. Upper-division writing skills
5. a minimum of 30 residence units, of which 24 must be upper-division, 12 in the major, and 9 in General Education
6. a minimum of 40 upper-division units
7. a minimum of a C average for units in the major, all California State University, Fresno units, and total units

To receive the degree, a student files an application for graduation obtained from the Office of Evaluations after paying the graduation fee at the cashier's window in the Joyal Administration Building by one of the published deadlines.

Dual (Concurrent) Major Requirements

Undergraduate students may desire to complete the requirements for more than one major at the time of completion of the baccalaureate degree (i.e., graduate with a dual major). When students apply for graduation, they must designate which is the primary degree major. Minimum requirements and exceptions for dual majors are as follows:

- Dual B.A. majors must include a minimum of 24 units, 12 of which must be upper-division and exclusive of the other major.

- Dual B.S. majors must include a minimum of 36 units, 18 of which must be upper-division and exclusive of the other major.
- Units may be double-counted for both majors above 24 mutually exclusive units (12 upper-division) in B.A. programs and 36 units (18 upper-division) in B.S. programs.
- Courses in General Education may be used to fulfill secondary major requirements
- Students may not earn a special major as a dual major.

Special Major for the Bachelor of Arts Degree

The special major for a Bachelor of Arts degree provides an opportunity for students to engage in an individualized course of study leading to a degree when legitimate academic and professional goals are not accommodated by standard degree majors. The special major consists of correlated studies in two or more fields. It is not intended as a means of bypassing normal graduation requirements or a means by which students may graduate who fail to complete the degree major in which they are enrolled. Also, students may not earn a special major as a dual major, and postbaccalaureate students are not eligible to earn a special major at the baccalaureate level.

The special major must be approved in the Office of the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, with

