

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.

The special major must be approved in the office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs, with approval based upon a case-by-case justification. The candidate must have one full year of academic work (at least 30 units) still to be completed to meet minimum degree requirements. The minimum requirement for the special major is an approved program of 30 units at least 24 units of which must be upper division work. Units applied to satisfy general education requirements may not be counted.

A student requesting a special major must obtain application forms from the office of Advising Services. On these forms the student must: 1) Prepare a statement giving his or her reasons for desiring a special major in terms of his academic and professional goals and why the student cannot meet these goals through a standard major; 2) Develop a specific list of courses which would, in his or her opinion, lead to the academic and professional goals stated above; 3) Secure the signed approval of the department chairman in the areas from which the special major courses are drawn. The student must submit the foregoing material to the office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs for final approval.

PUBLIC SCHOOL CREDENTIALS

California State University, Fresno, is authorized by the Commission for Teacher Preparation and Licensing to recommend candidates for the following credentials. See School of Education for program requirements.

Basic Teaching Credentials

Multiple subjects (Elementary)
Multiple subjects, with emphasis
in Early Childhood Education

Specialist Teaching Credentials

Agricultural
Bilingual/Cross-Cultural
Early Childhood
Reading
Special Education

Services Credentials

Administrative
Clinical-Rehabilitative
Health (School Nurse)
Pupil Personnel, including
School Psychologist

Basis Teaching Credentials

Single Subject (Secondary)
Agriculture
Art
Biology
Business
English, with separate
concentrations in
Drama and Speech
Foreign Languages
Home Economics
Industrial Arts
Mathematics
Music
Physical Education, Men
Physical Education, Women
Physical Science
Social Science