

Prohibition Against Double Counting of Coursework

No units used to fulfill the requirements of one degree may be used to fulfill the requirements of another degree. For example, 100-series courses used toward a bachelor's degree may not be subsequently used toward a graduate degree.

Repetition of Courses

A postbaccalaureate student pursuing a graduate degree or Certificate of Advanced Study may repeat a course for academic credit (subject to limitations in some degree curricula) regardless of what grade was originally earned in the course. However, such a student is not eligible to petition for grade substitution. All coursework taken is considered in the calculation of the student's postbaccalaureate cumulative grade point average.

International Student Admissions

The Division of Research and Graduate Studies seeks to bring students from all parts of the world to the campus. Since English is the language of instruction at the university, students should be prepared to write their theses, projects, examinations, and/or seminar papers in English. Applicants whose native language is not English must have acquired competence in the English language prior to enrolling in a graduate program or prerequisite courses in order to avoid any delay or difficulty in pursuing their studies.

Graduate English Competency

Graduate and Postbaccalaureate English Requirement. All graduate and postbaccalaureate applicants, regardless of citizenship, whose native language is not English and whose preparatory education was principally in a language other than English must demonstrate competence in English. Applicants who do not possess a bachelor's or graduate degree from a postsecondary institution where English is the principal language of instruction must pass the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or the International English Language Testing (IELTS). Such applicants must receive a minimum score of 213 on the TOEFL, or minimum score of 80 on the iBT TOEFL, or a minimum of 6.5 overall band score on the IELTS. Some graduate programs may require a higher score.

It is highly recommended that TOEFL or IELTS scores, Graduate Record Examination General Test scores, or GMAT or MAT scores, application, and official academic documents reach the university International Admissions Office at least six months before the semester for which admission is desired. See program information for specific test scores that may be required.

The TOEFL and IELTS are administered at various centers throughout the world. For locations and dates, check the TOEFL website <http://ets.org/toefl> or the IELTS website <http://ielts.org>.

You may also contact the Office of Testing Services at www.fresnostate.edu/testing.

Applications for international postbaccalaureate/graduate admission are found online at www.calstate.edu/apply.

Questions about the international application procedures should be directed to the following:

International Student Services and Programs

California State University, Fresno
5150 North Maple Avenue M/S JA56
Fresno, CA 93740-8026
U.S.A.
intladm@listserv.fresnostate.edu
559.278.2782

During the first semester at California State University, Fresno, international graduate students whose native language is not English may be required to enroll in special courses in English to help improve writing skills and to provide the greatest possibility of success in graduate studies.

Advancement to Candidacy: Eligibility

Advancement to candidacy gives a student permission to proceed toward qualifying for the degree and provides the student with a program of study that has been officially reviewed and approved by both the student's faculty and by the graduate dean.

This important step confers on the student the status of candidate for the degree and represents a commitment both on the part of the student and the degree program to complete the degree within a specified time limit according to requirements published