

The Four-Year Scholars Program is a partnership. Students share in the responsibility for timely graduation. To obtain a degree in four years, students must satisfy the following conditions:

1. **Advisers.** Students must meet with a designated Four-Year Scholars Program adviser every semester beginning in the first semester of their freshman year for the purpose of (a) reaching agreement on/or updating their Four-Year Scholars Education Plan, (b) considering available course offerings in relation to pertinent graduation requirements, and (c) confirming academic progress toward timely graduation.
2. **Four-Year Scholars Education Plan.** The program is a plan designed in consultation with a designated Four-Year Scholars Program adviser to ensure completion of all degree requirements within four years. The Four-Year Scholars Education Plan must be signed jointly by the student, the major adviser and one of the dedicated Four-Year Scholars Program advisers in the University Advising Center.
3. **Entry Level Math (ELM) and English Placement (EPT) Tests.** Unless exempted, students must have taken these exams during the senior year of high school or the summer prior to enrollment as a freshman. Scores must be at a level that allows the student to enroll in college-level coursework. Students who require remedial and/or developmental courses prior to enrollment in college-level courses will require independent assessment as to eligibility for Four-Year Scholars Program enrollment.
4. **General Education and University Requirements.** Students must fulfill in a timely manner all General Education and university requirements articulated in the General Catalog for their year of entry. Students not able to obtain their preferred course and /or their preferred section (days and hours) must be flexible in selecting available alternatives to maintain degree progress.
5. **Major.** Students must have a declared major to join this program (some majors are not conducive to this program, i.e. pre-nursing). Students must seek advising from a designated California State University, Fresno Four-Year Scholars Program adviser in their major department so degree obligations can be met. Changes of major may delay the completion of a degree. Students must be sure all prerequisite courses, including "Additional Requirements to the Major" are accounted for in their academic plans for graduation. If a student is in a "pre" major, the student must be accepted into the major to remain in the Four-Year Scholars Program. If the student is not accepted into the major, the student will be removed from the program.
6. **Minor.** If students in the Four-Year Scholars Program wish to take a minor, they must carefully plan it in close cooperation with a Four-Year Scholars Program adviser. Pursuit of a minor requires an increased total unit load and could result in a student being removed from the program. Students may not exceed a total of 144 earned units when adding minors.
7. **Unit Load.** Students must take a minimum of 15 units per semester or complete a minimum of 30 units per year, to earn the minimum 120 units for a degree.
8. **Grade Point Average (GPA).** The cumulative GPA, the campus GPA, and the GPA in a student's major all must be at or above 2.0 for graduation. Additionally, students must maintain a 2.0 per term to remain in the program. Certain majors or pre-majors require a higher GPA than 2.0, and in such cases that GPA will be used to determine continued eligibility. Students electing to repeat courses for purposes of grade substitution to improve their GPA must do so over and above the minimum articulated annual unit requirements if they expect to complete their Four-Year Scholars Program within the originally planned time. Doing so may put the student at risk for removal from the program. Academically disqualified students will be removed from the Four-Year Scholars Program.
9. **Registration and Fees.** Students will register during their priority registration date and time and will pay fees by the required deadlines. Students enrolling late cannot be assured of course availability.
10. **Course Enrollment.** Students will enroll and attend California State University, Fresno at those times (including evenings and weekends) when courses are offered and available. Prior approval by the student's designated Four-Year Scholars Program adviser is required before registering at another institution for courses intended for transfer to California State University, Fresno.
11. **Financial Aid.** If eligible for assistance, students must meet the appropriate deadlines each year and meet all academic progress requirements and fee payment deadlines.
12. **Degree Filing.** Students must file their application for graduation and pay the related fees by the university deadline.
13. **Accountability.** Students must comply with all administrative, judicial, and academic policies and procedures of the university, as well as all aforementioned conditions of the Four-Year Scholars Program.

Noncompliance with any of the above conditions 1 through 13 may result in voiding the terms of the Four-Year Scholars Program and the university's pledge to award the student a degree within four years. Disenrollment from the program will also result in the discontinuance of program benefits (priority registration, etc.)

Enrollment in the California State University, Fresno Four-Year Scholars Program is initiated by a student filing an application with the University Advising Center. Signing of this application by a student and his or her designated Four-Year Scholars Program adviser confirms their mutual understanding of the respective obligations of the student/university partnership required for the achievement of a degree in four years.

** If the student has maintained good academic standing in the program (passed all courses required by the university and his or her program requirements) at the end of the first academic year, the student may be eligible for a parking fee waiver or Kennel Bookstore voucher for the following academic semester. This eligibility will be reviewed each semester afterward.*