

# Academic policies and regulations

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## Academic Regulations

Students must meet all degree requirements as specified in their catalog year.

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### Bachelor's/Master's/Doctoral Degrees

California State University, Fresno is authorized to grant the Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, Master of Arts, Master of Science, Master of Biotechnology, Master of Business Administration, Master of Fine Arts, Master of Physical Therapy, Master of Public Administration, Master of Public Health, and Master of Social Work degrees. California State University, Fresno offers an Educational Specialist degree (Ed.S.) in School Psychology, a Doctor of Physical Therapy (D.P.T.) in Physical Therapy and a Doctor of Nursing Practice (D.N.P.) jointly conferred with California State University, San Jose.

California State University, Fresno also offers a doctoral degree (Ed.D.) in Educational Leadership. See Kremen School of Education and Human Development for public school credentials for which the university is authorized to recommend candidates.

**Computer Requirement.** At Fresno State, computers and communications links to remote resources are recognized as being integral to the education and research experience. Every student is required to have his/her own computer or other personal access to a device with all the recommended software. The recommended standards for devices and software, which may vary by academic major, are updated periodically and are available from the Kennel Bookstore. The university provides students access to some software free of charge or at reduced rates. Faculty will presume that students have 24-hour access to a device and the necessary communication links to the University's information resources. Fresno State maintains a limited number of workstations in various labs and laptops for checkout to facilitate this access. It also provides a wi-fi network on campus for access to the Internet.

### Definition of Key Terms

**Additional Requirements.** Courses from one or more departments or programs that are required in support of the major. Such courses are not included in the minimum 2.0 grade point average required in the major for graduation and may be waived or substituted at the discretion of the major department or program. Additional requirements normally may be applied toward a minor. Additional requirements may also be applied toward General Education unless specifically prohibited by the major department.

**Certificate.** A set of interdisciplinary courses comprised of a minimum of 12 units focusing on a special area of study. Students are not required to be matriculated or be undergraduates. Certificates are awarded upon completion of the program regardless of catalog year or degree status. The university awards three types of certificates. They include the Certificate of Completion, the Certificate of Special Study, and the Certificate of Advanced Study. See Certificates in Degree Requirements for more information.

The **Certificate of Completion** is awarded for successfully completing a planned educational experience designed for specific academic objectives.