

4. At least 12 units must be in courses designed primarily for master's degrees (numbered in the 200 series). Most programs require more than 12 units of 200 series course work.
5. At least 9 units must be completed after advancement to candidacy. Work taken during the semester or summer of advancement may apply on this requirement.
6. Appropriate course work from a field other than the major may be required at the discretion of the major department.
7. Appropriate provision must be made for a thesis, a project, or, when permitted, a seminar alternative.

It is the student's responsibility to complete the specific courses listed on his contract program. Once a contract program has been approved by the Graduate Council, it may be changed only on the written request of the student and his department or school adviser and with the approval of the Office of the Dean, School of Graduate Studies. Forms for requesting such program adjustment are available in the Office of the Dean, School of Graduate Studies.

#### **THESIS, PROJECT, AND THESIS ALTERNATIVE**

Most master's degree curricula at Fresno State College require the preparation of a thesis or a project. A few departments permit thesis alternatives. (See *Graduate Bulletin* for definition and standards of thesis, project, and thesis alternative and instructions for microfilming.)

1. To be eligible to enroll for thesis or project (299), a student must have
  - (a) been advanced to candidacy for the master's degree.
  - (b) maintained a B (3.0) average on his contract program.
  - (c) completed at least six units of his contract program on the Fresno campus.
  - (d) completed any course in research techniques required by his major department.
  - (e) secured a thesis committee, consisting of a chairman and at least two other members.
  - (f) secured approval of his thesis plan from the division or department graduate committee and filed in the Office of the Dean, School of Graduate Studies, an official thesis committee assignment.
2. Registration for thesis requires authorization by the Dean, School of Graduate Studies, and may be processed during the first two weeks of any semester after the requirements listed in (a) through (f) above have been met. If, however, a student fails to enroll within one semester (excluding summer sessions) after his official acceptance by a thesis committee, the committee is dissolved and a new committee must be appointed before registration can be processed. A student planning to register for thesis after a break in regular session attendance must be readmitted to the college. (See *Regulations and Procedures—Registration*.)
3. A student whose thesis is planned to extend over more than the semester in which he first enrolls in 299 may receive an In Progress (IP) grade. If at the end of one full year after the recording of the IP grade the thesis has not been completed, the thesis committee and the library are relieved of any further thesis obligation to the student. The student must re-enroll and apply for a new committee in each subsequent semester or summer session during which he uses the library or draws on faculty time in connection with his thesis. The new committee will not necessarily be composed of the same personnel and is not necessarily bound by the decisions of the former committee. Since a continuing IP grade does not represent enrollment, reregistration may require readmission to the college. (See *Regulations and Procedures—Registration*.)