

MAXIMUM STUDY LOAD

Graduate courses require substantially more concentrated study than do undergraduate courses. A normal load is from 9 to 12 units and the maximum allowable load is 16 units for full-time master's degree students when one or more courses in the 200 series are included. Students employed full time may take a maximum of 6 units. For maximum units for summer session see the *Summer Session Bulletin*.

GRADE REQUIREMENTS

All graduate students will be held to the scholarship standards listed under *Regulations and Procedures*.

No course with a grade below C may apply on a master's degree approved program.

To be eligible for advancement to candidacy, a student must have earned a B average (both overall and at Fresno State College) on all upper division and graduate course work completed after the date of embarking on the first course to be included in the master's degree program.

To be eligible for enrollment in the thesis or project or in an alternative to the thesis, a student must have been advanced to candidacy and must have maintained a B average on his approved program.

To be eligible for the granting of the degree, a student must have maintained a B average on his complete approved program. Any grade earned in a course on the approved program continues to figure in the grade-point average, even if that course is for any reason later dropped from the program.

To be eligible to receive the master's degree *with distinction* a student must have earned a 3.9 grade-point average on the approved program for the master's degree or on all upper division and graduate work subsequent to the bachelor's degree. He must also have the approval of his department.

EXAMINATIONS

The Graduate Record Examination Aptitude Test (or the Admission Test for Graduate Study in Business) is required for classified standing. The appropriate test should be taken early enough for scores to reach Fresno State College Test Office in time for inclusion in documents used to determine admissibility to a program. The School of Business will not consider a student whose ATGSB scores are not in hand. Other fields will occasionally permit taking the aptitude test during the first semester. A satisfactory score in The Graduate Record Examinations Advanced Test in the student's major field (or a departmental qualifying examination) is required for advancement to candidacy.

In addition to the qualifying examinations required for advancement to candidacy for the master's degree, all departments reserve the right to require written or oral comprehensive examinations when circumstances demand. A few departments require final comprehensive examinations of all their students. Candidates are urged to consult the chairman of the department or school graduate committee or the Dean, School of Graduate Studies, about examination requirements.

EXTENSION OF TIME

A period of seven years is allowed for the completion of all requirements for the degree. A student whose program has been interrupted by military service should consult the Dean of the School of Graduate Studies about provisions for military extensions. Otherwise, time may be extended only by the substitution of recent courses for outdated ones or by the passing of comprehensive examinations in the relevant courses or subject field.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

A limited number of graduate assistantships and other types of financial assistance are available to graduate students. Write to the Dean, School of Graduate Studies, for a descriptive brochure and application forms.