

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 Committee on Graduate Study, it may be changed only on the written request of the student and his department or division adviser and with the approval of the Graduate Office. Forms for requesting such program adjustment are available in the Graduate Office.

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 Graduate Office an official thesis committee assignment.
2. Registration for thesis requires authorization by the Dean of Graduate Studies and may be processed during the first three 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.
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.
4. The student and his thesis chairman should set a deadline for the completion of the semifinal draft, no later than four weeks before the last day of scheduled final examinations. This date should be early enough so that the chairman and the other members of the committee can clear the draft before the student must meet the deadline for clearance by the technical adviser.
5. Before a thesis is officially accepted by the Committee on Graduate Study, it must meet the approval of the committee's technical adviser, who passes on matters of format, documentation, and quality of writing. The semifinal draft, initialed by the thesis chairman as acceptable with technical corrections, should be submitted to the technical adviser in the College Library at least three weeks before the last day of scheduled final examinations. This deadline has been set as late as possible in the semester to accommodate the student; late manuscripts will not be accepted until the following semester or summer session. Students