

Academic Regulations

California State University, Fresno is authorized to grant the bachelor of arts, bachelor of science, bachelor of vocational education, master of arts, master of science, master of business administration, master of city and regional planning, master of public administration and master of social work degrees. See *School of Education and Human Development* for public school credentials for which the university is authorized to recommend candidates.

Definition of Key Terms

Additional Requirements. Courses from one or more departments or programs outside the major department or program which are required for preparatory or foundational purposes. Such courses are not included in the minimum 2.0 grade point average required for graduation in the major 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.

Core. a) One of the three main parts of the current General Education Program; b) also, a common set of courses within a major or minor which all students are required to complete.

Double-Counting. Allowing one course to fulfill two separate requirements concurrently; e.g., allowing one course to fulfill both a major requirement and the Upper Division Writing Skills Requirement.

The following double-counting policy pertains to General Education: The completion of both General Education and a major is required for a degree. The goal of General Education is to ensure a background that has solid foundations and broad scope. A student's major provides depth in a specific area, some foundations of which are in other disciplines.

Therefore: a) CORE may be used to satisfy any degree requirements. b) A maximum of two General Education courses from one department or program may be applied to satisfy BREADTH requirements. A department or program may prohibit any General Education BREADTH course from simultaneously satisfying its own departmental or programmatic requirements. c) Courses used to satisfy CAPSTONE may not be used to satisfy requirements for the major.

Electives. Courses/units a student selects to complete requirements for a major, minor and/or total units for the baccalaureate degree.

Major. Selection of courses from one or more departments designed to provide students with the knowledge, skills and experiences necessary to pursue a specific career and/or advanced study. Lower division prerequisites for lower and upper division courses within the department are part of the major. A student must earn a 2.0 grade point average in all courses required for the major, except "additional requirements", in order to graduate. (Minimum Title V requirements: *BA Degree*—24 units of which 12 must be upper division exclusive of General Education; *BS Degree*—36 units of which 18 must be upper division exclusive of General Education.)

Minor. Selection of courses from one or more departments or programs but less comprehensive than the major. Courses fulfilling requirements for a minor also may be counted toward General Education. Courses in a major cannot be applied toward a minor unless designated as "additional requirements".

Option. Selection of courses within a school, department or program in addition to CORE courses which emphasizes one important aspect of that school, department or program.

