

Program advisor in the University Advising Center before the end of the sixth week of their first fall semester.

To facilitate students' graduation goals, California State University, Fresno extends to qualified students the opportunity to engage in a formal partnership that assures timely completion of a degree. Students enrolling in the university's California Promise Program are pledged certain advantages which will facilitate progress toward a degree. These advantages include the following:

- **Guaranteed course availability with personalized academic plan**
- **Highest-level priority registration**
- **Specialized advising each semester to ensure students stay on track**
- **Eligibility for parking fee waiver/Kennel Bookstore voucher (if maintaining good academic standing in the program)\***

The California Promise Program is a partnership. Students share in the responsibility for timely graduation. To obtain a degree in four years, students must satisfy the following conditions:

1. **Advisers.** Students must meet with a designated California Promise Program advisor every semester beginning in the first semester of their freshman year for the purpose of (a) reaching agreement on/or updating their California Promise Education Plan, (b) considering available course offerings in relation to pertinent graduation requirements, and (c) confirming academic progress toward timely graduation.
2. **California Promise Education Plan.** The program is a plan designed in consultation with a designated California Promise Program advisor to ensure completion of all degree requirements within four years. The California Promise Education Plan must be signed jointly by the student, the major advisor and one of the dedicated California Promise Program advisers in the University Advising Center.
3. **Entry Level Math (ELM) and English Placement (EPT) Tests.** Unless exempted, students must have taken these exams during the senior year of high school or the summer prior to enrollment as a freshman. Scores must be at a level that allows the student to enroll in college-level coursework. Students who require remedial and/or developmental courses prior to enrollment in college-level courses will require independent assessment as to eligibility for California Promise Program enrollment.
4. **General Education and University Requirements.** Students must fulfill in a timely manner all General Education and university requirements articulated in the General Catalog for their year of entry. Students not able to obtain their preferred course and /or their preferred section (days and hours) must be flexible in selecting available alternatives to maintain degree progress.
5. **Major.** Students must have a declared major to join this program (some majors are not conducive to this program, i.e. pre-nursing). Students must seek advising from a designated California State University, Fresno California Promise Program advisor in their major department so degree obligations can be met. Changes of major may delay the completion of a degree. Students must be sure all prerequisite courses, including "Additional Requirements to the Major" are accounted for in their academic plans for graduation. If a student is in a "pre" major, the student must be accepted into the major to remain in the California Promise Program. If the student is not accepted into the major, the student will be removed from the program.
6. **Minor.** If students in the California Promise Program wish to take a minor, they must carefully plan it in close cooperation with a California Promise Program advisor. Pursuit of a minor requires an increased total unit load and could result in a student being removed from the program. *Students may not exceed a total of 144 earned units when adding minors.*
7. **Unit Load.** Students must take a minimum of 15 units per semester or complete a minimum of 30 units per year, to earn the minimum 120 units for a degree.
8. **Grade Point Average (GPA).** The cumulative GPA, the campus GPA, and the GPA in a student's major all must be at or above 2.0 for graduation. Additionally, students must maintain a 2.0 per term to remain in the program. Certain majors or pre-majors require a higher GPA than 2.0, and in such cases that GPA will be used to determine continued eligibility. Students electing to repeat courses for purposes of grade substitution to improve their GPA must do so over and above the minimum articulated annual unit requirements if they expect to complete their California Promise Program within the originally planned time. Doing so may put the student at risk for removal from the program. Academically disqualified students will be removed from the California Promise Program.
9. **Registration and Fees.** Students will register during their priority registration date and time and will pay fees by the required deadlines. Students enrolling late cannot be assured of course availability.
10. **Course Enrollment.** Students will enroll and attend California State University, Fresno at those times (including evenings and weekends) when courses are offered and available. Prior approval by the student's designated California Promise Program advisor is required before registering at another institution for courses intended for transfer to California State University, Fresno.