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Program Planning and Registration

Freshmen should plan their programs early, beginning, when practical, with the selection of a major. Degree requirements in each major are listed under the appropriate department. Major information sheets are available for most of our majors. If you are undecided about a major, indicate *Undeclared* on the appropriate forms until a definite decision is reached. For general information, see Degrees and Credentials.

Regular advising is key to the successful and timely completion of a degree. Depending on the major department's procedure, an academic adviser is assigned to each student, or selected by the student. The Office of Advising Services (Joyal Administration Building, Room 224) advises undeclared majors and can advise all students on General Education and non-major related degree requirements. At a minimum, all undergraduate students are expected to review their "roadmap" to graduation with an adviser from their major department by the end of the term in which they complete 75 units. Some departments require advising earlier and more often.

Undergraduate students entering the university without a major are strongly encouraged to declare a major before the end of the term in which 45 units are completed toward a degree. Students must declare a major no later than the term in which 60 units are completed. Undergraduate transfer students with 60 or more units must declare a major upon entry or before course registration begins for their second semester at the university. Students may contact the Office of Advising Services for further information (Joyal Administration Building, Room 224, or call 278.1787).

It is recommended that all students meet with a faculty adviser once each semester before registering for classes. A faculty adviser assists the student in planning an academic program, but the primary responsibility for meeting all graduation requirements is the student's.

Recommended Preparation

Freshmen. Overall excellence of performance in high school subjects and evidence of academic potential provide the basis for admission at California State University, Fresno.

Since certain academic majors require high school preparation in definite subjects, the student should consult the requirements indicated in the field of his or her choice.

In university majors, such as engineering, natural science, mathematics, social science and humanities, a maximum number of high school credits should be obtained in appropriate preparatory subjects.

Transfer Students. Students intending to transfer to California State University, Fresno should plan their programs while attending other colleges to meet our General Education and major degree requirements. Students transferring from a California community college should complete as many of the CSU General Education requirements of that college as possible while keeping in mind that a maximum of 70 transferable units is allowed from two-year institutions (community/junior colleges). For more information, visit the California Articulation Website. A General Education Certification (requested only from California public community/junior colleges and California State University campuses) should be sent to California State University, Fresno along with the final transcripts. Earning an A.A. or A.S. degree does not necessarily mean one has fulfilled CSU admission and/or General Education requirements.

After admission to California State University, Fresno, transfer students with a declared major, entering with 40 or more units will receive a copy of their advanced standing evaluation, indicating how previous college units have been applied toward degree requirements at California State University, Fresno. Questions about one's evaluation should be directed to the student's adviser or the Evaluations Office. It is recommended that transfer students bring with them an unofficial copy of all previous college transcripts and their CSU General Education Certification when attending New Student Orientation - Dog Days to ensure accurate advising.