

Academic policies and regulations

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Bachelor's/Master's/Doctoral Degrees

California State University, Fresno is authorized to grant the Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, Master of Arts, Master of Science, Master of Biotechnology, Master of Business Administration, Master of Fine Arts, Master of Physical Therapy, Master of Public Administration, Master of Public Health, and Master of Social Work degrees. California State University, Fresno offers an Educational Specialist degree (Ed.S.) in School Psychology, a Doctor of Physical Therapy (D.P.T.) in Physical Therapy and a Doctor of Nursing Practice (D.N.P.) jointly conferred with California State University, San Jose.

California State University, Fresno also offers a doctoral degree (Ed.D.) in Educational Leadership. See Kremen 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 that are required in support of the major. Such courses are not included in the minimum 2.0 grade point average required in the major for graduation 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.

Certificate of Advanced Study. A certificate program of special study at the postbaccalaureate level.

Concurrent Enrollment. The term **concurrent enrollment** is used to describe several different types of enrollment:

1. **Open University Enrollment.** Nonmatriculated students may enroll in regular California State University, Fresno classes through Continuing and Global Education.
2. **Concurrent Enrollment at Other CSU Campuses.** CSU students may attend two CSU campuses simultaneously. This type of enrollment is not often used by California State University, Fresno students because of the distance to other CSU campuses. (See the registrar for details.)
3. **Concurrent Enrollment at a Non-CSU College or University.** While enrolled at California State University, Fresno, students may enroll for additional courses at another institution outside the CSU system. The courseload in the combined enrollment program may not exceed the maximum unit load restrictions for California State University, Fresno.

Core. A common set of courses within a major or minor that all students are required to complete.

Degree Audit Reporting System (DARS). DARS is a tool that assists in the advising process. Students can print their own DARS report through self-service. The DARS report shows the student's progress in a chosen degree program, using courses taken at California State University, Fresno and transfer institutions. The DARS report displays how courses apply toward the student's declared major, General Education, and degree requirements. It also displays a list of approved courses for each requirement to be completed.

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, or allowing one course to fulfill both a major requirement and General Education requirement.