

comprehensive examinations when circumstances demand. A few departments require final comprehensive examinations of all their students. Candidates are urged to consult the chairman of the department or school graduate committee or the Dean, School of Graduate Studies, about examination requirements.

EXTENSION OF TIME

A period of seven years is allowed for the completion of all requirements for the degree. A student whose program has been interrupted by military service should consult the Dean of the School of Graduate Studies about provisions for military extensions. Otherwise, time may be extended only by the substitution of recent courses for outdated ones or by the passing of comprehensive examinations in the relevant courses or subject field.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

A limited number of graduate assistantships and other types of financial assistance are available to graduate students. Write to the School of Graduate Studies, for information and application forms.

INTERNATIONAL (FOREIGN) GRADUATE STUDENTS

Fully qualified graduate students coming to CSU, Fresno with the ultimate goal of a master's degree should allow approximately two years for accomplishing a 30-unit program, more for a two-year professional degree. Graduate students regularly devote most of their time to studies in their major field; however during the first semester at CSU, Fresno, foreign students whose native language is not English and who are studying in this country for the first time, are required to enroll in International Studies-Campus 293 and appropriate work in English as a foreign language. International Studies-Campus 295 is required during the last semester or at any time after half the work of the master's degree has been completed. Both courses apply toward degrees. For further information, see *International Programs—Graduate Courses*.

Depending on the quality of his work in the first semester and his ultimate purpose, the foreign graduate student may at the end of the first semester continue in one of the following directions: (1) If he has chosen a new field or if his undergraduate work was not equivalent to a CSU, Fresno bachelor's degree, he may petition to complete bachelor's degree requirements. (2) If he wishes to select only those courses which have greatest value for him, regardless of degree requirements, he may follow an individually planned and approved sequence of courses leading to a Certificate of Attendance. (3) If his first semester's work gives evidence of probable success in master's degree study, he may seek admission to a master's degree program. Whichever alternative the student from abroad selects, appropriate course work taken during the first semester may be accepted for credit toward this goal.

ADMISSION

Graduate students from abroad follow the same procedures as all other graduate students except that, the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) is required of all students whose native language is not English. Exception may be made for students transferring from American colleges and universities with grades that demonstrate full competency in English. TOEFL scores, applications, and academic documents should reach the CSU, Fresno Admissions Office at least six months before the semester for which admission is desired. TOEFL is administered at various centers throughout the world. For further information, write to the School of Graduate Studies.

Graduate students with a total score of less than 500 on TOEFL will not ordinarily be admitted to graduate study at CSU, Fresno. Exception may be made for students who are otherwise admissible and who satisfactorily complete an approved intensive program in English as a foreign language. The university cannot, however, commit itself until the work has been completed and acceptable scores earned on a retake of TOEFL.