

**Special Major.** A student may propose a program of correlated studies in two or more fields for a special major. This program must be based on a minimum of 24 units of which 12 are upper division and have the approval of chairmen of the departments concerned and the Dean of the College.

### MASTER'S DEGREES

Fresno State College is authorized to grant the following master's degrees: master of arts degree in art, biology, business, economics, education, English, history, industrial arts, mathematics, music, physical education, physics, psychology, social science, and speech; master of science degree in business, chemistry, criminology, mathematics, and physics. See *Degree Majors and Minors*.

To be eligible to receive the master's degree a student must have achieved a command of his field of specialization and must have demonstrated competence in independent investigation, analysis, and synthesis beyond the scope of individual courses. *The requirements listed in the following sections are minimums.* For details of specific curricula see the department statements and the *Graduate Bulletin*.

### GENERAL REGULATIONS

Applicants for the master of arts and master of science degrees are admitted to graduate standing, programmed, and advanced to candidacy under identical policies.

### ADMISSION TO GRADUATE STANDING

Admission standards are stated in the *California Administrative Code, Title 5, Education*, which provides uniform admission regulations for all California state colleges as follows:

41000. Admission with Graduate Standing: **Unclassified.** (a) For admission with graduate standing as an unclassified graduate student, a student shall have completed a four-year college course and hold an acceptable baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution; or shall have completed equivalent academic preparation as determined by the appropriate college authorities.

(b) Admission to a state college with graduate standing does not constitute admission to graduate degree curricula.

41001. Admission to Graduate Degree Curricula: **Classified.** A student who has been admitted to a state college under Section 41000 may, upon application, be admitted to an authorized graduate degree curriculum of the college as a classified graduate student if he satisfactorily meets the professional, personal, scholastic, and other standards for graduate study, including qualifying examinations, as the appropriate college authorities may prescribe. Only those applicants who show promise of success and fitness will be admitted to graduate degree curricula, and only those who continue to demonstrate a satisfactory level of scholastic competence and fitness, as determined by the appropriate college authorities, shall be eligible to continue in such curricula. Students whose performance in a graduate degree curriculum is judged to be unsatisfactory by the authorities of the college may be required to withdraw from all graduate degree curricula offered by the college.

### GRADUATE ADMISSION PROCEDURES

Classified graduate status is processed by the Graduate Office after the student has been admitted to the college with unclassified graduate standing and has met admission standards for the degree program he seeks.

### UNCLASSIFIED GRADUATE STANDING

A student who holds a bachelor's degree may be admitted to unclassified graduate standing according to the appropriate procedure listed below. This status permits him to enroll in undergraduate or graduate courses for which he has the prerequisites. (See *Course Numbering System—Eligibility and Definitions* and individual course descriptions.)

1. A graduate of Fresno State College who has taken no subsequent collegiate work elsewhere may be admitted to unclassified graduate standing upon the filing of the application for graduate standing.
2. A graduate of another accredited institution, or a Fresno State College graduate who has subsequently attended another institution, may be admitted to unclassified graduate standing upon the filing of the application and two copies of official transcripts showing the highest degree earned and good standing in all work taken subsequent to that degree.