

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

The aim of the general education program at Fresno State College is to encourage all students, whatever special roles they will fill in society, to develop the sense of values, attitudes, knowledge, and skills needed for effective living.

Candidates for the bachelor of arts, bachelor of science, bachelor of education, and bachelor of vocational education degrees must satisfy the general education requirement by completing one of the two following patterns, each requiring 45 units. (See also *Special Course Requirements*, page 64.)

ALTERNATIVE PATTERNS

Pattern I is required of entering freshmen who select majors in the divisions of humanities, social sciences and speech arts; majors in the departments of chemistry, geography, mathematics and psychology; credential majors in life sciences or physical sciences; and those who have not selected majors. It may be elected by students majoring in any area. Any student majoring in a field for which Pattern I is not required but wishing to elect this pattern should investigate the effect of such election on his total schedule.

Pattern I is a sequence designed to help the student toward becoming an educated and effective person whose major specialization is based on breadth and depth of understanding in the sciences, the social sciences, the humanities, and oral and written English essential to the exercise of professional and civic leadership. It attempts to foster an understanding of the interdependence of these fields of knowledge in today's society.

Pattern II is an alternative available to students for whom Pattern I is not required or elected. The extent to which this plan may serve the same purpose as Pattern I depends on the care exercised by the student and his adviser in selecting appropriate courses. Responsibility for organizing and interrelating knowledge from the various fields rests mainly with the student.

PROVISION FOR TRANSFER STUDENTS

Students transferring from other collegiate institutions are automatically placed in Pattern II at admission, but may shift to Pattern I upon the written recommendation of the adviser.

PROVISION FOR CHANGES IN MAJOR

Once a student has one pattern of general education well under way, he may remain with that pattern, regardless of changes in major.