

## DEGREES AND CREDENTIALS

### SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS

To qualify for any bachelor's degree a student must have at least a C average (2.0 on a four grade-point system) on his or her total college record, must have maintained at least a C average at CSUF, and must have at least a C average in his or her approved major.

See also *School of Education—Application for Admission to Credential Programs*, *School of Graduate Studies*, and *Scholarship Status* in the preceding section of this catalog.

### SPECIAL COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Entering undergraduate students should note the following specific requirements:

*United States Constitution and American History.* In accordance with *Title 5 of the Administrative Code*, Section 40404, a student, in order to graduate, must demonstrate his or her competence with respect to the Constitution of the United States, American History, and in the principles of state and local government of California. This may be done by passing examinations or by completing appropriate courses. (See *History Department—American History Requirement* and *Political Science Department—United States Constitution Requirement*.)

### ENGLISH REQUIREMENT

*English 1, Composition*, or its equivalent is an all-university graduation requirement. This requirement must be completed before the end of the fourth semester of university attendance. Students who are exceptionally well-prepared in composition may elect to satisfy the requirements by the successful challenge of English 1 through Credit by Examination or by successful performance in either the *English Equivalence Examination* or the *Advanced Placement Test*. The English Placement Test does not substitute for the English 1 requirement. See "*English Placement Test and Graduation Requirement*" for test scores prerequisite to enrollment in English 1.

### UPPER DIVISION WRITING SKILLS REQUIREMENTS

All students enrolled in the CSUC system must demonstrate their competence in writing skills. For undergraduates at CSUF this requirement can be met *only* after completion of the equivalent of 56 semester units. It may be met in one of three ways.

1. Passing a university examination composed of both an essay component and an objective component. This examination will be given several times each year, including once during the first two weeks of each semester. For specific dates consult the Office of Testing Services. The successful completion of the examination may earn one unit of credit.
2. Obtaining a C or better in an *approved* section of an upper division English course.
3. Obtaining a C or better in a section of an upper division course offered in a department other than English, but *approved* to meet the writing requirement.

"Approved" in 2 and 3 above means the sections have been selected to meet the requirement because they contain an adequate writing component. These courses can always be identified each semester in the *Schedule of Courses* by the letter "W", which will come immediately after the number