

the Graduate and Postbaccalaureate Admission Booklet which may be obtained from the Division of Graduate Studies. Students are also referred to the admission requirements described for each graduate degree, credential, or advanced certificate program elsewhere in this catalog. Those interested in a second undergraduate degree should use the undergraduate application available in Joyal Administration.

### Limitation of

### Graduate Enrollment

Admission to postbaccalaureate/graduate studies must be restricted to the number of students for whom an effective education can be provided by staff, facilities, and funding available at California State University, Fresno. The university may limit postbaccalaureate/graduate enrollment on the basis of the academic field and the relative aptitude of the applicant, based on approved admissions criteria.

### University Admission

The minimum university requirements for admission to graduate and postbaccalaureate studies at a California State University campus are in accordance with university regulations as well as Title V, chapter 1, subchapter 3 of the California Code of Regulations. Specifically, a student shall (1) have completed a four-year college course of study and hold an acceptable baccalaureate degree from an institution accredited by a regional accrediting association, or have completed equivalent academic preparation as determined by appropriate campus authorities; (2) be in good academic standing at the last college or university attended; (3) have attained a grade point average of at least 2.5 ( $A=4.0$ ) in the last 60 semester (90 quarter) units attempted; and (4) satisfactorily meet the professional, personal, scholastic, and other standards for graduate study, including qualifying examinations, as appropriate campus authorities may prescribe. In unusual circumstances, a campus may make exceptions to these criteria.

### Postbaccalaureate Standing

Postbaccalaureate applicants not interested in a graduate program may choose to take courses for professional or personal growth, apply to work toward a credential or certificate objective, or work toward a second baccalaureate degree. These students may be admitted to the university in postbaccalaureate standing in either an unclassified status or a classified status.

**Admission to Postbaccalaureate Standing: Unclassified.** By meeting the minimum requirements to the university, students are eligible for admission as postbaccalaureate unclassified, nondegree-seeking students. Students who fall under this category may enroll in graduate courses for professional or personal growth if they have satisfied all prerequisites and have filed the appropriate standardized test scores. Some departments may restrict enrollment of unclassified students due to heavy enrollment pressure. Admission in this status does not constitute admission to or assurance of consideration for admission to a graduate degree program or to a credential program.

**Admission to Postbaccalaureate Standing: Classified.** Students admitted to the university as postbaccalaureate classified students have satisfied additional professional, personal, scholastic, and other standards — including qualifying examinations — prescribed by the campus, and may enroll in a particular postbaccalaureate credential or certificate program. Admission to postbaccalaureate classified standing does not constitute admission to or consideration for admission to a graduate degree program, to a credential, or to a certificate program.

### Graduate Program Admission

Admission to the university for postbaccalaureate students who wish to pursue a specific graduate program occurs in two phases: admission to the university and admission by the Division of Graduate Studies to a graduate program. Acceptance by the university does not guarantee admission by the Division of Graduate Studies to a specific graduate program. Only those students who are admitted to both the university and the Division of Graduate Studies will be granted graduate standing in a master's or joint doctoral degree program. See the admissions diagram on next page.

### Admission to Graduate Degree Programs with Graduate Standing

Admission to graduate standing is the responsibility of the Division of Graduate Studies. Students admitted to graduate standing have met the general requirements for university admission and the additional requirements and standards of the Division of Graduate Studies for admission to a graduate degree program. These requirements include academic preparation,

evidence of scholarly and professional ability (standardized test scores and letters of recommendation), personal statement, and other requirements as described for each program in the appropriate section of this catalog. Some graduate programs require a separate application in addition to the university application to graduate and postbaccalaureate admission.

### Standardized Test Requirements

All applicants to a master's degree and advanced certificate programs are required to submit appropriate admission test scores with the university Application to Graduate/Postbaccalaureate Studies. Admission will require submission of scores on the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) General Test, or for business students, the Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT).

Applicants for admission to the MPA program may submit either GRE or GMAT scores. Applicants to master's degree programs in the School of Education and Human Development may submit either GRE or Miller Analogies Test (MAT) scores. For application information concerning the GRE, contact the Testing Office in Family/Food Services, Room 110. GMAT information is available in the Craig School of Business Graduate Office in the Peters Building, Room 183. Information concerning the MAT as well as the GRE and GMAT is available through the Testing Office in the Family and Food Sciences Building, Room 110.

The University Graduate Committee has established a standardized test score requirement for all applicants to provide a significant basis of comparison to national educational standards and to ensure the admission of highly qualified students to graduate degree programs. It should be noted that an applicant's standardized test scores will not constitute the sole criterion according to which an admissions decision will be rendered, as noted in a previous paragraph. However, some departments, particularly in the sciences, may give more importance to standardized test scores than departments in other fields.

**Applicants to the joint doctoral program in Educational Leadership (Ed.D.)** are required to submit official scores of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) General Test or the Miller Analogies Test (MAT). For other requirements, contact the California State University, Fresno/University of California Davis Joint Doctoral Program.