

important as both a colleague and mentor in facilitating the intellectual development and maturation of the student within the discipline.

The chief consultative body responsible for formulating and recommending policies, standards, and procedures is the university's Graduate Committee. This committee is composed of eight faculty members elected by the faculty and the graduate dean.

The Graduate Student Body

The Division of Research and Graduate Studies is proud of the diversity of its graduate student body. Graduate students come from a variety of ethnic, racial, and age groups, and represent many nationalities and countries throughout the world. They present a mosaic of personal values, beliefs, and experiences that enrich the dialogue of campus conversations. Whether these students are recent graduates of bachelor's degree programs or are returning students, they constitute a dynamic group on campus. The diversity of the student body thus presents a very special opportunity for all part-time and full-time graduate students to establish a vast, collegial network.

For those students who make up the graduate student body, success in the pursuit of a graduate degree depends upon active cooperation with their faculty advisors and instructors. Graduate students are expected to develop the ability to critically seek out and analyze facts, sift evidence, master theories and advanced techniques of professional inquiry, and demonstrate these abilities orally and in writing. Moreover, they must risk giving their informed opinions and be ready to accept criticism and advice rendered by faculty mentors and student colleagues. The pursuit of an advanced degree also requires that participants demonstrate an essential degree of independence and self-motivation in acquiring knowledge in their field of study. The rewards for those who succeed are many, as evidenced by the rapidly growing number of individuals nationwide who earn a graduate degree. Currently, more than 611,000 master's degrees and 140,000 doctoral degrees are awarded annually in the United States.

Graduate Degrees and Programs

There is great variety in the nature and scope of the graduate programs, options, concentrations, and emphases available at California State University, Fresno. Those that are officially recognized and for which the university is authorized to confer a degree are listed below. Additional areas of specialization, although not officially recognized on transcripts or diplomas, may be obtained through selection of appropriate elective courses. For more, see master's degrees and doctorates.

GRADUATE DEGREES AND AUTHORIZED OPTIONS

Accountancy, Master of Science*

Agricultural Science, Master of Science

Art, Master of Arts

Biology, Master of Science

Biotechnology, Master of Biotechnology

Business Administration, Master of Business Administration ****

Chemistry, Master of Science

Civil Engineering, Master of Science**

Water Resources and Environmental Engineering

Clinical Rehabilitation Mental Health Counseling, Master of Science

Communication, Master of Arts

Communicative Disorders, Master of Arts

Deaf Education****; Speech-Language Pathology

Computer Science, Master of Science

Counseling, Master of Science

Marriage, Family, and Child Counseling;

School Counseling;

Student Affairs and College Counseling