

**CREDIT BY EXAMINATION**

Credit by examination is designed to encourage a regularly enrolled student to seek college credit in courses in which the student has competence but for which credit has not been earned by the usual academic processes, thereby permitting the student to accelerate his or her progress and provide an opportunity for wider selection of course work. The following procedures should be followed:

1. A student may apply for credit by examination in any course in the current CSUF catalog for which he or she appears to be reasonably qualified by training or experience and for which college credit has not been previously allowed. Credit by examination will not be awarded if credit has been granted for previous course work more advanced than the level represented by the examination in question. Credit by examination will not be allowed in a course in which the student has been permitted to register as an auditor during the same semester, in which the student has received a failing grade, or in which he or she has unsuccessfully sought credit by examination.
2. The student will enroll for credit by examination at any time during the first two weeks of classes. The student must be regularly enrolled in other courses before he or she will be granted permission to earn credit by examination. Units of credit by examination are counted as part of the total units registered for a given semester or term. Applications for credit by examination should be completed by the student and approved by the department.
3. The examination must be administered by the end of the fourth week of instruction and the instructor must report the grade prior to the close of the sixth week.
4. The course in which the student requests credit by examination will be so designated on his or her record. If passed, the student will receive a credit (CR) grade. If he is unsuccessful, no grade will be reported. Units earned will count toward all appropriate requirements but will not be used in computing his grade-point average.
5. The number of units earned by credit by examination in any semester or term may not exceed the number of units completed in regular enrollment. A maximum of 30 units earned by examination may be counted toward a bachelor's degree.

For further information consult the department concerned. See also *Advanced Placement*.

**INDEPENDENT STUDY**

Independent study is offered to give the student experience in planning and outlining a course of study on the student's own initiative under departmental supervision. Independent study should deal with a special interest not covered in a regular course or with the exploration in greater depth of a subject presented in a regular course. Each department has an independent study upper division course (190), and some departments have a graduate level course (290). In some departments a 190 or 290 course may be desirable preparation for the thesis or other advanced study.

To be eligible for independent study, a student should have an over-all