

Academic Placement

Lower-division students entering California State University, Fresno must complete the General Education quantitative reasoning requirement by the end of their fourth semester of enrollment or the completion of 60 units, whichever comes later. Students who are making serious and consistent effort to comply may be given extensions. Students who do not meet this requirement or receive extensions will be ineligible to enroll after the completion of 60 units.

Specific policies regarding retesting and placement will be determined by the campus. Exemptions from the test are given only to those students who can present proof of one of the following:

- a score of 550 or above on the mathematics section of the College Board SAT I Reasoning Test or on the College Board SAT II Mathematics Tests Level I, IC (Calculator), II, or IIC (Calculator)
- a score of 23 or above on the American College Testing Mathematics Test
- a score of 3 or above on the College Board Advanced Placement mathematics examination (AB or BC)
- a score of 3 or above on the College Board Advanced Placement Statistics examination
- completion and transfer of a course that satisfies the General Education — Breadth or Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) quantitative reasoning requirement, provided such course was completed with a grade of *C* or better

EPT and ELM. These tests must be taken after admission and prior to enrollment.

It is the students' responsibility to confirm exemption from either the EPT or ELM exam by completing the appropriate Request for Exemption form available at the Admissions/Records service windows, North Lobby, Joyal Administration Building, The Learning Resource Center, Reentry Center, and Mathematics Department offer options for preparing for the ELM.

Information bulletins and registration materials for the EPT and ELM may be obtained from the Office of Admissions/Records or Testing Services.

Credit by Examination. California State University, Fresno grants credit to those

undergraduate students who pass examinations that have been approved for credit systemwide. These include the Advanced Placement Examination and some CLEP examinations.

Students may challenge our courses by taking examinations developed at the campus. Credit shall be awarded to those who pass them successfully. Credit by examination is designed to encourage regularly enrolled students to seek college credit in courses in which they have competence but for which credit has not been earned by the usual academic processes. This permits students to accelerate their progress and provides an opportunity for wider selection of coursework. The following procedures should be followed:

1. With the concurrence of the department, students may apply for credit by examination in any course in our current *General Catalog* for which they appear to be reasonably qualified by training or experience and for which college credit has not been previously allowed. Credit by examination is not awarded if credit has been granted for previous coursework more advanced than the level represented by the examination in question. Credit by examination is not allowed in courses in which students have been permitted to register as auditors during the same semester, in which students have received a failing or no credit grade, or in which they have unsuccessfully sought credit by examination.
2. Students enroll for credit by examination at any time during the first two weeks of classes. Students must be regularly enrolled in other courses before they are 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 must be completed by students and approved by the respective departments.
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 students request credit by examination is so designated on their record. If passed, students receive a credit (*CR*) grade. If they are unsuccessful,

no grade is reported. Units earned count toward all appropriate requirements but are not used in computing their GPA.

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.

Credit earned by examination *does not meet the residence requirement of the university*. For further information, consult the department concerned. See also *Advanced Placement* on page 81.

Graduate Students. Credit by examination for coursework may be used to fulfill prerequisites only and may not be applied toward the total units required for a master's degree.

Independent Study. Independent study is offered to give students experience in planning and outlining a course of study on their 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). In addition, some departments have a lower-division course (90) and/or a graduate-level course (290).

To be eligible for independent study, students should have an overall grade point average of 3.0 or higher. This requirement may be waived in exceptional cases, when approved by the department chair. Maximum credit of 6 units in independent study courses is allowed toward the bachelor's degree, and maximum credit of 6 units in independent study courses may be approved for use toward a 30-unit master's degree. Such credit is limited to a maximum of 3 units per semester. Under extraordinary circumstances more than 3 units per semester may be allowed on petition to the department chair.