

ADMISSION TO GRADUATE STANDING

Admission standards are stated in the *California Administrative Code, Title 5, Education*, which provides uniform admission regulations for all California state universities and colleges as follows:

41000. Admission with Graduate Standing: Unclassified. (a) For admission with graduate standing as an unclassified graduate student, a student shall have completed a four-year college course and hold an acceptable baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution; or shall have completed equivalent academic preparation as determined by the appropriate campus authorities.

(b) Admission to a campus with graduate standing does not constitute admission to graduate degree curricula.

41001. Admission to Graduate Degree Curricula: Classified. A student who has been admitted to a campus under Section 41000 may, upon application, be admitted to an authorized graduate degree curriculum of the campus as a classified graduate student if he satisfactorily meets the professional, personal, scholastic, and other standards for graduate study, including qualifying examinations, as the appropriate campus authorities may prescribe. Only those applicants who show promise of success and fitness will be admitted to graduate degree curricula, and only those who continue to demonstrate a satisfactory level of scholastic competence and fitness, as determined by the appropriate campus authorities, shall be eligible to continue in such curricula. Students whose performance in a graduate degree curriculum is judged to be unsatisfactory by the authorities of the campus may be required to withdraw from all graduate degree curricula offered by the campus.

GRADUATE ADMISSION PROCEDURES

Graduate admission is a two-step process. *Unclassified graduate standing*, the first step, is required of all holders of bachelor's degrees, regardless of objective. *Classified graduate standing*, the second step, is required only of students working toward master's degrees. See *Application Procedures—Systemwide, Graduate Application Procedures, 1974-75* for details of application. Students from abroad see *Foreign Graduate Student Programs*.

UNCLASSIFIED GRADUATE STANDING

For admission to graduate standing as an Unclassified Graduate Student, a student shall have completed a four-year college course and hold an acceptable baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution, or shall have completed equivalent academic preparation as determined by the appropriate campus authorities; and must satisfactorily meet the professional, personal, scholastic, and other standards for graduate study, including qualifying examinations, as the appropriate campus authorities may prescribe. This status permits him to enroll in courses for which he has the prerequisites. Admission to a State University or College with unclassified graduate standing does not constitute admission to graduate degree curricula.

1. *A graduate of CSU, Fresno who has taken no subsequent collegiate work elsewhere* may be admitted to *unclassified graduate standing* upon the filing of the application for graduate standing.

2. *A graduate of another accredited institution, or a CSU, Fresno graduate who has subsequently attended another institution*, may be admitted to unclassified graduate standing upon the filing of the application and two copies of official transcripts showing the highest degree earned and good standing in all work taken subsequent to that degree. A third copy of the transcript may be required in some fields.

3. *Unvalidated Graduate Standing.* A graduate of a nonaccredited college may be granted admission with *unvalidated graduate standing*, upon the filing of the application and two copies of official transcripts of all college work. Such a student may be eligible for unclassified graduate standing when he has cleared all undergraduate deficiencies and has maintained, in residence at CSU, Fresno, a grade-point average of 3.0 (on a four grade-point system) on 12 units of approved upper division work or an average of 2.5 on 24 units of approved upper division work. (Potential master's degree students, see also *Master's Degrees—Grade Requirements*.) When a student with this type of graduate standing has fulfilled the requirements for *classified or unclassified graduate standing*, it is his responsibility to request a new statement of standing from the Admissions Office.

MASTER'S DEGREES

To be eligible to receive the master's degree at CSU, Fresno a student must have achieved a command of his field of specialization and must have demonstrated competence in independent investigation, analysis, and synthesis beyond the scope of individual courses. *The requirements listed in the following sections are minimums.* For details of specific curricula see the department statements and the *Graduate Bulletin*.