

## ACADEMIC PLACEMENT

### CLASSIFICATION OF STUDENTS

Student class levels are determined as follows:

*Freshmen*—Students who have earned a total of fewer than 30 semester units.

*Sophomores*—Students who have earned a total of 30 to 59 semester units inclusive.

*Juniors*—Students who have earned a total of 60 to 89 semester units inclusive.

*Seniors*—Students who have earned 90 semester units or more.

*Graduates*—Students who have at least a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution.

### ADVANCED PLACEMENT

The Advanced Placement Program of the College Entrance Examination Board permits able high school students to take college-equivalent courses in the senior year of high school and, based upon comprehensive qualifying examinations, receive advanced placement and credit at participating universities and colleges. CSUF grants credit toward its undergraduate degrees for successful completion of examinations of the Advanced Placement Program of the College Entrance Examination Board. Students who present scores of three or better will be granted six semester units of college credit for each examination. A score of "two" may receive credit, only if recommended by the department. A score of "one" will receive neither credit nor advanced placement.

### CREDIT BY EXAMINATION

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

1. A student may qualify for credit by examination in any course in the current CSUF catalog for which he appears to be reasonably qualified by training or experience and for which he has not been allowed previous high school or college credit. 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 he has received a failing grade, or in which he 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. He must be regularly enrolled in other courses before he 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 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 his 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.