

VETERANS/HANDICAPPED STUDENT SERVICES

This office provides services to all veterans and disabled students at California State University, Fresno. Liaison is maintained with the Veterans Administration and the State Department of Veterans Affairs for veterans, and with the local and State Office of Vocational Rehabilitation and other related agencies for the disabled student population of the campus.

Veterans transferring to California State University, Fresno from other institutions are strongly urged to contact the office and file a request for a Change of Place of Training (VA 22-1995) at least two months prior to the start of the semester. New applicants (never used G.I. Bill) should also apply through the office at least eight weeks in advance. Such lead time is necessary as we must certify all enrollments to the Veterans Administration before any benefit checks will be issued.

Veterans are not the only people eligible for G.I. benefits. Certain dependents of deceased veterans, disabled veterans, and certain dependents of California veterans may qualify for benefits. All such students should contact the office well in advance of the start of their planned study at California State University, Fresno.

Disabled students planning to attend California State University, Fresno should contact the office at their earliest opportunity. Services include orientation of new handicapped students to the campus; recruiting and orienting personal attendants for students in need; locating readers, note takers, and transcribers for blind students; identifying interpreters for the deaf; priority registration for all handicapped students; special handicapped parking permits; specially equipped disabled students study room in the library; and mobility assistance as needed in regard to physical barriers.

The office serves as an information center for all veterans and handicapped students. Counselors are available to assist students with answers to their questions or referral to the office or agency that can best serve the student's needs.

INTERNATIONAL (FOREIGN) STUDENTS

California State University, Fresno, regularly enrolls a significant number of students from abroad. The International Student Counseling Office staff, under the direction of the Student Counseling Service, assists foreign students with academic and personal problems, and housing (see *Student Housing*), as well as governmental and legal aspects of their stay. A special orientation program is planned and required of all foreign students prior to registration each semester. Students should notify the International Student Counseling Office of their arrival plans and contact the office immediately upon arrival on campus for verification of enrollment, orientation, and assistance (See *General Information—Admission to the University*).

International students must have sufficient understanding and proficiency in use of the English language to be successful in their course work at the university (see *Entrance Examinations*). A special program of English language and American studies courses is available to assist students whose previous instruction has been in a language other than English. (See *International Studies—Campus Program*). Except for the few who are