

- Completion of a college course with a grade of *C* or better that satisfies the General Education Breadth requirement in quantitative reasoning, provided it is at a level above intermediate algebra.\*

Students who cannot demonstrate basic competence on either examination are required to take steps to overcome deficiencies early in their enrollment. Any coursework undertaken primarily to acquire the required competence shall not be applicable toward the baccalaureate degree.

Failure to take either of these tests, as required, at the earliest opportunity after admission may lead to administrative probation, which, according to Section 41300.1 of Title 5, *California Code of Regulations*, and CSU Executive Order 393, may lead to disqualification from future attendance. It is the students' responsibility to confirm exemption from either the EPT or ELM tests by completing the appropriate Request for Exemption Form available at the Admissions Records Office service windows, Joyal Administration Building. Students who need assistance in preparing for the ELM test should consider enrolling in one or more of the following classes: Math AR or Math ILR, N Sci 37, Psych 180T (overcoming academic anxiety). In addition, students may contact the Developmental Learning Resource Center in the Keats Building for information regarding ELM workshops.

Information bulletins and registration materials for the EPT/ELM tests are mailed to all students subject to the requirements. The materials may also be obtained from the Office of Admissions and Records or the Testing Office.

**Credit by Examination.** CSU, Fresno grants credit to those undergraduate students who pass examinations that have been approved for credit systemwide. These include the Advanced Placement Examinations, CSU English Equivalency Examination and some CLEP examinations.

Also, students may challenge 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 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 coursework. The following procedures should be followed:

- With the concurrence of the department, a student may apply for credit by examination in any course in the current *CSU, Fresno General 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 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 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 or no credit grade, or in which he or she has unsuccessfully sought credit by examination.
- The student enrolls 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 is

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.

- 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.
- The course in which the student requests credit by examination is so designated on his or her record. If passed, the student receives a credit (*CR*) grade. If he or she is unsuccessful, no grade is reported. Units earned count toward all appropriate requirements but are not used in computing his or her grade point average.
- 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* in this catalog.

**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 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 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 is allowed toward the bachelor's degree in independent study courses, and maximum credit of 6 units is allowed in independent study courses toward the master's degree. 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.

An eligible student desiring to register for a 190 or a 290 course must first obtain the consent of an instructor, who will guide the project, and the chair of the department in which the course is given. The student must register for 190 and 290 courses during the regular registration period in the same manner as he or she registers for any other course at the time of registration.

An independent study course normally includes an oral examination by a committee set up by the supervising instructor, a formal report that is filed in the department office, and an abstract of the study that is filed with the department chair. Approval forms and copies of the current regulations may be obtained from department or school offices. The entry on the permanent record shows the discipline and course number only; the title does not appear.

\* Such courses taken in terms prior to Fall 1988 may be at the level of intermediate algebra or above.