

2. The student will enroll 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 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 or her 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.

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

*Graduate Students:* Credit by examination for course work 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 chairman of the department. Maximum credit of six units is allowed toward the bachelor's degree in 190 courses, and maximum credit of six units is allowed in 190 and 290 courses toward the master's degree. Credit is limited to a maximum of three units per semester. Under extraordinary circumstances more than three units per semester may be allowed on petition to the department chairman.

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 chairman 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 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 which is filed in the department office, and an abstract of the study which is filed with the department chairman. Approval forms and copies of the current regulations may be obtained at department or school

offices. The entry on the permanent record will show the discipline and course number only; the title will not appear.

Certain special regulations concerning enrollment in 190 and 290 courses during a summer session will be found in the *Summer Session Bulletin*.

**Credit for Military Service Course Work.** Six semester units of lower division elective credit is given if the student was on active military duty for at least one year. An applicant for credit must submit a copy of *Notice of Separation* (DD214).

College courses given by the United States Armed Forces Institute (USAFI) that are comparable with CSU, Fresno courses will be given degree credit, provided they are satisfactorily completed with an end-of-course examination.

USAFI correspondence credit is combined with other extension or correspondence course work to a maximum of 24 semester units.

Additional credit is granted for military courses and experiences as recommended in *A Guide to the Evaluation of Educational Experiences in the Armed Services*, Miller & Sullivan, 1978. The applicant for such credit must submit official documents giving all details such as location and length.

**College Level Examination Program.** The College Level Examination Program (CLEP) is designed to be a means through which recognition, academic credit, and placement may be given for less conventional forms of educational experience. Those who may have reached a college level of education through home or correspondence study, on-the-job training, television courses or by other means may take the CLEP examinations which are offered by the College Entrance Examination Board.

Within the restrictions of systemwide policy, CSU, Fresno will award credit for successfully completed CLEP examinations. Such credit will be applied to the total units required for the baccalaureate degree, but it will not be applied to the General Education requirement.

Not all CLEP examinations are acceptable under system policy. Subject examinations may require the recommendation of the appropriate department before credit is awarded. Course equivalency is also determined by the department concerned.

For additional information, contact the Office of Testing Services.

**English Equivalency Examination.** The English Equivalency Examination is an examination offered by the CSU system. It is administered each spring on the various campuses to prospective freshmen. Students passing both the objective and essay portions of the examination will be granted six units of freshman English credit. For information contact the Coordinator of Relations with Schools, CSU, Fresno.