

Granting of the Bachelor's Degree with the Office of Evaluations and submit the accompanying fee to the cashier.

## Program Accreditation

Professional accrediting organizations regularly review the school's academic programs in home economics and industrial arts/technology.

Although no external certifications exist for agricultural programs nationwide, the School periodically conducts internal and external evaluations of its curricula. The B.A. in Home Economics is accredited by the American Home Economics Association. The interior design concentration of the Graphic and Interior Design Option under the B.A. in Industrial Arts is accredited by the Foundation for Interior Design Education Research (FIDER). The B.S. in Industrial Technology is accredited by the National Association for Industrial Technology.

## Professional Preparation

**Student Activities.** Over 30 professional associations, honor societies, judging teams, show teams, clubs, and social fraternities exist within the School of Agricultural Sciences and Technology to provide excellent opportunities for leadership development and industry contact. Numerous teams participate in regional and national inter-collegiate competitions. The Student Executive Council, comprised of representatives from these student organizations, coordinates school-wide functions and works with the University level Associated Student Senate to obtain activity funding.

**Production Projects.** Supervised student project programs in animal and crop production utilize a hands-on approach to the practical application of theory learned in the classroom to enhance opportunities for future employment. To qualify for a project a student must have coursework in the subject concentration and be enrolled in an Enterprise Management course as well as demonstrate proficiency in equipment operation (if appropriate). Financial support for student enterprise projects is provided by CSU Fresno's Agricultural Foundation.

**Industry Internships.** Non-paid and paid work opportunities abound for qualified students to serve as interns in an industry setting appropriate to their degree and program of study. Integration of academic learning and work experience is attained by participating in the program. Professional employment prospects after graduation are greatly enhanced through internships.

**Cooperative Education.** Paid work experience is combined with on-the-job training and classroom learning under this program. Placement with participating employers depends upon career goals and can be arranged on the Alternating Plan (one semester full-time employment followed by one semester full-time study at the university) or the Parallel Plan (concurrent part-time work and study). Academic credit earned will be applied toward the degree while testing tentative career choices.

**Continuing Education.** Seminars, workshops, and field day demonstrations are offered to meet the in-service education needs of the agricultural community. Similar programs provide home economists and industrial technologists opportunities for professional development.

## Graduate Degrees and Programs

The advanced degree programs offered by the School of Agricultural Sciences and Technology are designed to provide advanced specialized study through the following programs:

### Agricultural Business

Offers programs to develop business management and economic analysis skills for individuals seeking career advancement in agribusiness management, agricultural finance, agricultural marketing and farm management.

### Agriculture

Options: Animal Science, Plant Science, Food Science and Nutrition, Agricultural Chemistry.

Offers programs designed to extend the competence of persons engaged in teaching, professional, and technical positions, or interested in preparing for advanced graduate study at the doctoral level.

### Home Economics

Offers programs to increase the competencies of students who focus their programs of study in child development and family relations; clothing and textiles, consumer science and housing; fashion merchandising; and Home Economics education.

### Industrial Arts

Offers programs in both industrial and educational related professional and technical fields. Emphasis is directed toward the attainment of advanced competency in the respective areas of industrial arts teaching, manufacturing technology, and construction.

## Graduate Degree Requirements

Contact the school's Director of Graduate Programs for additional information, school application, and orientation packet which includes filing deadlines, university writing skills requirement information, and policies and regulations governing graduate study. Refer to department sections of the general catalog for specific program requirements. Refer to the Graduate Studies and Research section for additional information including conditionally classified and classified standing, advancement to candidacy, thesis/project research, filing deadlines, and time limits.

Note: General admission for graduate study by the university does not imply acceptance for the master's program by departments in the School of Agricultural Sciences and Technology.

The school offers a limited number of teaching and research assistantships for graduate students. In general, graduate assistantships are awarded to students who have exhibited outstanding scholarship at CSU Fresno and who have made significant progress towards their masters degree. Study desk space is available.

## Career Opportunities

The U.S. Department of Labor's Dictionary of Occupational Titles identifies more than 260 professional jobs in agriculture and food related industries with many more positions in industries providing goods and services to the agricultural sector. A 1986 national assessment report by the U.S. Department of Agriculture projects a 10 percent shortage of