

Academic Regulations

California State University, Fresno is authorized to grant the bachelor of arts, bachelor of science, bachelor of vocational education, master of arts, master of science, master of business administration, master of city and regional planning, master of public administration and master of social work degrees. See *School of Education and Human Development* for public school credentials for which the university is authorized to recommend candidates.

Definition of Key Terms

Additional Requirements. Courses from one or more departments or programs outside the major department or program which are required for preparatory or foundational purposes. Such courses are not included in the minimum 2.0 grade point average required for graduation in the major and may be waived or substituted at the discretion of the major department or program. Additional requirements normally may be applied toward a minor. Additional requirements may also be applied toward General Education unless specifically prohibited by the major department.

Core. a) One of the three main parts of the current General Education Program; b) also, a common set of courses within a major or minor which all students are required to complete.

Capstone. Capstone is part of general education. The courses used to satisfy the Capstone requirement provide an interdisciplinary experience in which the skills and knowledge developed in CORE and BREADTH are integrated and their interrelationships are brought into focus. The Capstone requirement may be met by completing a minimum of 6 units in specific upper-division, interdisciplinary courses or by completing a minimum of 6 units in a single cluster of interrelated upper-division courses.

Concurrent Enrollment. The term "Concurrent Enrollment" is used to describe several different types of enrollment:

- 1) *Concurrent Enrollment through Extension.* Nonmatriculated students may enroll in regular CSU, Fresno classes through the Division of Extended Education. Students attend classes concurrently with matriculated students. (see Division of Extended Education)
- 2) *Concurrent Enrollment at other CSU Campuses.* CSU students may attend two CSU campuses simultaneously. This type of enrollment is not often used by CSU, Fresno students because of the distance to other CSU campuses. (see the Registrar for details.)
- 3) *Concurrent Enrollment at another (non-CSU) College.* Approval for concurrent enrollment at another college must be obtained from the registrar before the end of the second week of instruction. Transfer credit will not be awarded unless permission is obtained. Normally permission for this kind of concurrent registration will not be granted for a class which is offered at CSUF.

Double-Counting. Allowing one course to fulfill two separate requirements concurrently; e.g., allowing one course to fulfill both a major requirement and the Upper Division Writing Skills Requirement.

The following double-counting policy pertains to General Education: The completion of both General Education and a major is required for a degree. The goal of General Education is to ensure a background that has solid foundations and broad scope. A student's major provides depth in a specific area, some foundations of which are in other disciplines:

Therefore: a) CORE may be used to satisfy any degree requirements. b) A maximum of two General Education courses from one department or program (Ethnic Studies, Women's Studies, Child Development, etc.) may be applied to satisfy BREADTH requirements. A department or program may prohibit any General Education BREADTH course from simultaneously satisfying its own departmental or programmatic requirements. c) Courses used to satisfy CAPSTONE may not be used to satisfy requirements for the major.

Electives. Courses/units a student selects to complete requirements for a major, minor and/or total units for the baccalaureate degree.

Major. Selection of courses from one or more departments designed to provide students with the knowledge, skills and experiences necessary to pursue a specific career and/or advanced study. A student must earn a 2.0 grade point average in all courses required for the major, except "additional requirements", in order to graduate. (Minimum Title V requirements: *BA Degree*—24 units of which 12 must be upper division exclusive of General Education; *BS Degree*—36 units of which 18 must be upper division exclusive of General Education.)

Minor. Selection of courses from one or more departments or programs but less comprehensive than the major. Courses fulfilling requirements for a minor usually may be counted toward General Education. Refer to the description of the specific minor for exceptions. Courses in a major cannot be applied toward a minor unless designated as "additional requirements".

A minor may be earned only at the time a student earns the first baccalaureate degree.

Option. Selection of courses within a school, department or program in addition to CORE courses which emphasizes one important aspect of that school, department or program.

Prerequisite Requirements. a) Course or courses which must be completed before a higher level course may be taken, sometimes allowed by the instructor to be taken concurrently; b) Courses outside the major department which must be completed before admission to the major.

Recommended Courses. Courses which the department faculty believe would be beneficial for a student to take but are not mandated or required as part of the major.

Units. A credit or semester unit represents one hour of class work per week for one semester. It is assumed that two hours of preparation are required for each hour in class. Three hours of laboratory per week are the equivalent of one unit. In a limited number of courses two hours of laboratory per week are the equivalent of one unit. Also, two hours of activity or studio (art, dance, music, physical education) are normally equivalent to one unit of credit.