

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. How do I get into the Four-Years Scholars Program?

A. There are three different opt-in points for this program: as an incoming First-Time Freshman; as a Second-Semester Freshman; or as a continuing First-Semester Sophomore. The opportunity to apply for and join the Four-Year Scholars Program is **by invitation only**. Eligible students are independently assessed, and the most qualified candidates are invited to join the program (*limited number of spots available*).

Q. How and when do I sign up for the program?

A. If you receive an invitation to join the Four-Year Scholars Program, you will be directed to complete an application form online, including a statement about why you are interested in becoming part of the program. You must submit your completed application by the specified deadline on your invitation letter.

Once all applications are received, they will be reviewed by a designated team of reviewers. The most qualified applicants will receive a congratulatory letter and invitation to attend an informational meeting and sign the Four-Year Scholars Agreement to get started with the program.

Q. What can I do if I'm not chosen to participate in the Four-Year Scholars Program?

A. If you are not accepted into the program as an incoming First-Time Freshman, you can apply again during the two additional opt-in points - as a Second-Semester Freshman and as a continuing First-Semester Sophomore. You may receive an invitation to apply for the Four-Year Scholars Program at either of the two additional opt-in points, if you have demonstrated high academic performance during your Freshman year at Fresno State.

Q. How will Fresno State help me graduate in four years?

A. As a participant in the Four-Year Scholars Program you will have the benefit of :

- *Guaranteed course availability with a personalized academic plan*
- *Highest-level priority registration*
- *Specialized advising each semester to ensure you stay on track*

- *Eligibility for parking fee waiver or Kennel Bookstore voucher after successful completion of your first year*

If required courses of the approved Education Plan are not available, and the student has complied with all conditions of the Four-Year Scholars Agreement, the student will not be required to pay tuition or fees otherwise required to enroll in courses necessary for graduation.

Q. Do I have to pay extra fees or tuition to participate in this program?

A. No, there are no extra fees associated with participation in the Four-Year Scholars Program.

Q. Can I qualify if I don't have a declared major yet?

A. Only incoming First-Time Freshmen, Second-Semester Freshmen and continuing First-Semester Sophomores who have declared majors will be eligible to be invited to apply for the Four-Year Scholars Program.

Q. Will I be able to work if I'm in this program?

A. Part of the Four-Year Scholars Agreement includes a willingness to be flexible with course scheduling, take semester unit loads as necessary to finish all requirements within four years (including the possibility of summer session courses) and agree to follow your Four-Year Scholars Education Plan. Some students may be able to manage a part-time job, but the primary focus is completing all requirements to graduate within the allotted four years.

Q. Can I change my major once I'm in the program?

A. Yes, but only if the new major can still be completed by the original four-year graduation date. Changing majors may increase the required unit load and may put you at risk of being removed from the program.

Q. Can I have a minor or a double major?

A. This may or may not be possible. It will depend on the total units required to complete all your major(s) and/or minor(s). Some combinations may be possible to complete within the four

years, while others are not. Adding a second major will increase your total unit load and could put you at risk of being removed from the program. You must discuss this with your designated Four-Year Scholars advisor.

Q. Is there a penalty for failing to meet the requirements of the program?

A. Fresno State will not penalize you for failing to meet the requirements of the Four-Year Scholars Program. You may opt out of the program at any time. Please let your advisor know prior to opting out of the program. You will, however, lose all benefits associated with the program (priority registration, etc.).

Q. If I'm invited and decide not to sign up for the Four-Year Scholars Program, can I still graduate in four years?

A. Yes! Fresno State provides advising to all students looking to follow a four-year degree path. The Four-Year Scholars Program provides additional support and incentives to help students meet their graduation in four years.

All majors on campus have a "roadmap" or plan for completing your degree in four years. Make an appointment with the Advising Center in the college of your major to create a plan, or check the online Fresno State [catalog](#). If you have not declared a major, contact the University Advising Center.