

## Criteria

### “Add or Change Graduate Degree *or* Certificate of Advanced Study Objective”

***If you*** are applying to and wanting to add a credential program:

- **Do not** complete this form.
- Please contact the appropriate credential office.

***If you*** intend to change your degree objective from a graduate degree to a 2<sup>nd</sup> bachelor’s degree, a 2<sup>nd</sup> major, or a certificate (other than an advanced certificate):

- **Do not** complete this form.
- Go to the Admissions & Records Office, Student Services Windows to request a Change of Major Request form.

***If you*** are a new applicant to the university this semester and *it is before the 4<sup>th</sup> week* of the semester:

- **Do not** complete this form.
- You must declare or clarify your degree objective in the Graduate Admissions Office, Joyal Administration Building, Room 121.
- International students must declare or clarify their degree objective in the International Admissions Office, Joyal Administration Building, Room 256.

***If you*** are a new applicant to the university this semester and *it is after the 4<sup>th</sup> week* of the semester:

- **Do** complete this form.

***If you*** are currently enrolled:

- **Do** complete this form.

***If you*** were in attendance last semester:

- **Do** complete this form.

***If you*** have been out of attendance for only one semester as a postbaccalaureate student:

- **Do** complete this form.

***If you*** wish to pursue or add a graduate degree or a Certificate of Advanced Study to your current graduate program, and answered “yes” to the four questions above:

- **Do** complete this form.

## **Instructions**

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#### **Note to the student:**

All requests to add or change graduate degree *or* a certificate of advanced study objective must be handled in the same manner as any new application to the program concerned. The application on the back of this form will initiate a process that makes you a candidate for admission to the new program objective being named.

The Division of Graduate Studies will forward your application and all relevant paperwork and test scores, if required, to the graduate program coordinator for your requested proposed program degree objective, for the program faculty’s consideration and formal recommendation. ***We will send you official notification of their decision.***

#### **Instructions:**

1. Complete all information requested on this form.
2. If required, graduate degree or advanced certificate students ***must*** have on file with the university “official” GRE, MAT, or GMAT tests scores.
3. If BA/BS degree was received from an institution other than Fresno State, you ***must*** provide a copy of your transcript with the degree posted.
4. **For students seeking a second graduate degree**, submit the completed form to the receptionist in the Division of Graduate Studies, Frank W. Thomas Building, Room 130, and secure an appointment with a Graduate Degree Specialist. A specialist will review your application for any potential problems regarding second graduate degree coursework before you pay the requisite fee.
5. Take the completed Special Services Fee portion of the form to the Cashier’s Window in the South Lobby of the Joyal Administration Building and pay the \$5.00 fee. The Cashier will receipt your form and supply you with a fee receipt.
6. Return your form and register receipt to the receptionist in the Division of Graduate Studies, Frank W. Thomas Building, Room 130. The receptionist will retain the original receipt to be kept on file.

To complete this form, you must have a 2.5 cumulative undergraduate GPA, or a 2.5 GPA on the last 60 units (including postbaccalaureate work) and, if required, GRE, MAT, or GMAT test

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Type or print in ink.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ ID# \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

RECEIVED: BA \_\_\_\_\_ BS \_\_\_\_\_ MAJOR \_\_\_\_\_ \*INSTITUTION \_\_\_\_\_ YEAR \_\_\_\_\_

CURRENT PROGRAM: \_\_\_\_\_

PROPOSED DEGREE OBJECTIVE (Name of the new degree designation, program, and option [if applicable] you wish to):

Add (to current program) **OR**  Change to (abandon current program)

MA in \_\_\_\_\_  
Degree Title Option (if applicable)

MS in \_\_\_\_\_  
Degree Title Option (if applicable)

Other \_\_\_\_\_ (Circle one: EdS, MBA, MBt, MFA, MPA, MPH, MPT, MSW)  
Degree Title Option (if applicable)

Advanced Certificate (Circle one: Biotechnology, Community and Regional Planning, Composition, Dietetics, Educational Technology, Geographic Information Systems, Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner, Teaching American History, Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages)

IF REQUIRED, ADMISSIONS TEST COMPLETED (check one):

GRE \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Score \_\_\_\_\_  GMAT \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Score \_\_\_\_\_  MAT \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Score \_\_\_\_\_

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: Explain briefly your reasons for seeking to pursue a new or additional postbaccalaureate graduate degree or advanced certificate program. Include any information concerning your preparation that is pertinent to the objective specified. If necessary, attach an additional sheet, and any resume and/or letters required by your department.

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FINANCIAL AID: Has the Financial Aid office informed you to change/correct your degree objective?  Yes  No

SIGNED STATEMENT: I hereby make application for admission to the new or additional graduate degree or advanced certificate program objective noted above.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student's Signature Date

