

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 2nd bachelor’s degree, a 2nd major, or a certificate (other than an advanced certificate):

- **Do not** complete this form.
- Go to the Student Services Center, Joyal North Lobby, to request a “Change of Major/Minor Form”.

If you are a new applicant to the university this semester and *it is before the 4th 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 4th 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 Research and 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 Research and 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 Research and Graduate Studies, Frank W. Thomas Building, Room 130. The receptionist will retain the original receipt to be kept on file.

Important Note: If you plan to submit the form and \$5.00 fee through the mail, you must send the “Add or Change Graduate Degree *or* Certificate of Advanced Study Objective” form, the “Special Services Fee (Payment through Mail)” form, and the \$5.00 fee payment to Fresno State Cashiering Services (5150 N. Maple Ave., Fresno, CA 93740-8026). The “Special Services Fee (Payment through Mail)” form is available on our website under “Forms and Policies”, then “Major Change/Add” at link <http://www.fresnostate.edu/academics/gradstudies/forms/>).

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, Research Methods, 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.

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

