

Course Limitations for Graduate Programs

A graduate program is designed to reflect advanced-level coursework, and must adhere to established standards. The official and complete source of information concerning courses and requirements applicable to a graduate degree is the California State University, Fresno *General Catalog*, including sections on "Advancement to Candidacy," "Independent Study," "Graduate Studies," "Course Numbering System," "General Education," etc.

The following types of courses may NOT be used toward a graduate degree:

Course Level Limitations:

- **1-99**
Lower-division courses
- **100-199**
Courses designed to fulfill General Education curriculum requirements

Undergraduate writing "W" courses

Courses taken as part of a unique Saturday School offering (this does not include regularly scheduled courses that meet on Saturdays)
- **190 or 290**
Independent study coursework in excess of one-fifth of the total program units
- **298 or 299**
May not substitute one culminating experience for another once a student has registered for the course and completed one semester
- **300-399**
Courses designed to meet professional needs

Transfer Credit Limitations:

- Transfer credit that would not be used toward a master's degree at the institution where taken
- Transfer (including Extension and/or Open University) credit in excess of 9 units on a 30-unit program

Other Limitations:

- Courses taken Credit by Examination (CBE)
- Student teaching credit
- Courses used toward another degree
- CR-graded courses, if not offered CR/NC only; if offered CR/NC grading only, a maximum of 6 units may apply to a 30-unit program, unless otherwise defined for the program
- Out-dated courses (courses older than five years)
- Coursework, including transfer credit, not listed as post-baccalaureate/graduate credit on a student's records
- Courses with the following grades: "D", "F", "NC", "IC", "AU", or "WU"