

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q: *How will my student know that he/she is taking the right classes?*

A: The ultimate responsibility is with your student. There are advisors available specifically to help students stay on track, but it is up to your student to make appointments and to keep them. We recommend that students see an academic advisor prior to scheduling classes for each semester.

Q: *Where can students go to find employment or information about a career?*

A: Encourage your son or daughter to visit our Career Services Office, located in the Joyal Administration Building, Room 256.

Q: *What if my student doesn't know what to major in or keeps changing his/her major?*

A: Don't worry! It's okay for a student to be undeclared at first. The average student changes his/her major three to four times between entering college and graduation. When it comes to selecting a major, listen for clues relating to interests and abilities. Often students are reluctant to change major. Your student's choices may be more influenced by perceptions of your wishes than you realize.

Q: *How safe is California State University, Fresno?*

A: Our campus is well patrolled 24 hours a day, 7 days a week by university peace officers from our on-campus Police Department. While we have a number of sworn law enforcement officers, we also employ many students trained as public safety officers to help patrol the campus around-the-clock. The campus offers a security escort service to escort and assist people to their vehicles after dark. Additionally, there are over 47 emergency telephones located throughout the campus which are clearly marked by a blue light, and over 25 closed circuit television cameras which monitor parking lots and other significant areas of the university grounds.

Q: *How will I know how my son or daughter is doing?*

A: Ask! The relationship between you and your child-of-legal-age (eighteen years) will undergo a major change in terms of your "rights" to information. All universities are bound by the **Federal Educational Rights and Privacy Act** of 1974, sometimes referred to as the "Buckley Amendment." **FERPA** specifies that education records belong to the student. The university can release them to any third party only with the student's signed consent.