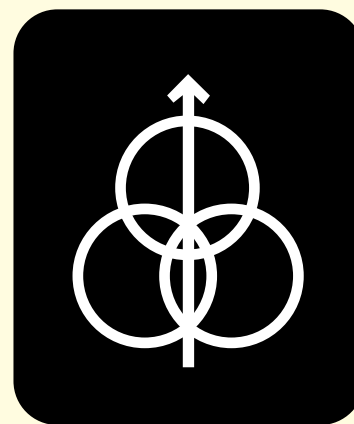


SPECIAL MAJOR/ MINOR

BACHELOR OF ARTS
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE
MINOR
MASTER OF ARTS
MASTER OF SCIENCE



PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

When an existing, authorized Bachelor's Degree, Minor, Certificate, or Non-Certificate Program of Study does not meet the needs of a student, a Special Major or Minor can be requested. The Special Major or Minor can be a first and only one, or a second major or minor. In the latter case, students are encouraged to develop a program of study which complements the first major. In most cases, programs will be interdisciplinary in nature. Materials describing the procedures and requirements applying to special majors and minors can be obtained in the office of the Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs, Sacramento Hall (SAC-226).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For a special major or minor application contact:

Associate Vice President
Academic Affairs, Sacramento Hall, Room 226
6000 J Street
Sacramento, California 95819
278-5933

For a **graduate** special major application contact:

Coordinator
Graduate Center
6000 J Street, River Front Center, Room 203
Sacramento, California 95819
278-6470

REQUIREMENTS

To qualify, for a Special Major or Minor a student must satisfy the following requirements:

- before submitting the application to begin work on the Special Major, the student must have a combined grade point average of 2.5 on all coursework completed to that point
- obtain all approvals at least one year in advance of graduation date
- describe the educational and career objectives sought
- identify and justify the relationship of the pattern of study requested to the objectives sought; with respect to the second (complemental) major program, rationale should indicate the degree to which the two majors are distinguishable from one another
- outline the coursework and academic activity necessary to complete the objectives cited
- obtain the assistance and approval of two or more faculty advisors from the key instructional units listed in the Program of Study
- obtain the approval of the appropriate School Dean
- submit all materials for review and approval to the Office of the Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs, SAC-226
- the program does not qualify for special major authorization until *all parties*, faculty and deans, have approved the program
- no more than 6 units may be in Independent Study (199 or similar courses) and Fieldwork (195 or similar courses)

Major Unit Requirements

A minimum total of 124 units are required for the Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science Special Major. The unit requirements for the major are:

first BA or BS: 36 upper division units
second BA: 24 upper division units
double major BA: 24 upper division units
second BS: 36 upper division units
double major BS: 36 upper division units

In all cases at least two thirds of the upper division units must be taken in residence, i.e., at CSUS.

Minor Unit Requirements

A total of 18 semester units are required, which includes a minimum of 12 upper division units in the field of specialization.

GRADUATE PROGRAM

The *Special Major* for the master's degree provides an alternative for superior students whose special needs and interests cannot adequately be met by any one of the existing master's degree programs of the University. The student may earn a Master of Arts or a Master of Science, as appropriate to the department in which the culminating experience requirement is completed.

The special major is a coherent program directed towards a clear theme, not available within an existing graduate major. The courses are chosen from two or more departments and may bridge more than one school within the University. The courses must be carefully selected for their correlation and clear applicability to the objective of the unique major being proposed. The proposed program must be compatible with the objectives of the University and supportable by courses already offered within the degree programs and by the expertise of the faculty members.

Eligibility

- the Special Major program is restricted to superior graduate students who are eligible for admission to classified standing in one of the regular master's degree programs of the University
- applicants must present evidence of overall undergraduate grade point averages of 3.0 and 3.0 in the last 60 semester units taken
- courses taken to fulfill prerequisite requirements must be completed with a minimum grade point average of 3.5, and they may not be counted toward the degree requirements

Admission Requirements

- students may apply to the University as unclassified graduate students or directly into a Special Major program.
- a Special Major application with Department approvals must be submitted no later than the end of the first semester of attendance
- the applicant will need to obtain the assistance and approval of three or more faculty advisors. Because of the interdisciplinary nature of the Special Major, students are required to obtain the assistance and concurrence of faculty advisors from the key instructional units listed in the Program of Study

Obtain the detailed Graduate Special Major guidelines from the Graduate Center. Prepare the program in consultation with the faculty committee. Contact the Graduate Center to schedule a meeting of the faculty committee with the Graduate Dean.

Unit Requirements

Minimum upper division and graduate level units: 30

- at least 15 units must be in regularly established lecture or seminar courses at the 200 level (not to include 299 courses)
- no more than 6 units may be in Independent Study (299 or similar courses)
- no more than 6 units shall be in any one or in any combination of:
 - (1) approved extension credit
 - (2) transfer credit, for work carrying graduate degree residence credit at another accredited institution

No more than half the units may be in any one department.

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Special Major Immunohematology and Blood Transfusion

For information regarding the Special Major Immunohematology and Blood Transfusion, contact:

Rose Leigh Vines, *Program Coordinator*
Biology 211C, 278-6317
Department of Biological Sciences
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