

SPECIAL MAJOR BACHELOR'S

Admission to a bachelor's degree in a special major is currently suspended. Please contact the Undergraduate Education department for more information.

A special major in certain professional fields may not be accredited by that professional field. See the appropriate campus advisor for any professional field for information.

More Information

Advising Requirement

Advising is mandatory for this program. Consult your department advisor or program coordinator for information.

Grading Requirement

All courses taken to fulfill program course requirements must be taken for a letter grade except those courses specified by the department as credit/no credit grading only.

Course Requirements for the Major

Completion of the following courses, or their approved transfer equivalents, is required of all candidates for this degree. Courses in this program may complete more than one graduation requirement.

At least 30 upper-division units are required for the major.

Procedures to Develop a Special Major

Students who wish to propose a Special Major should follow these procedures:

1. Determine the feasibility of pursuing a Special Major by reviewing the requirements and examining available programs and majors to see if your needs could be met through any of these. You must have a 2.5 cumulative GPA in order to apply.
2. Consult with the Coordinator of Special Majors and a faculty member with expertise in your area of interest.
3. If you decide that a Special Major is appropriate, pick up the guidelines and forms from the Coordinator of Special Majors and select at least two faculty to act as the advisors of your Special Major. Your advisors should be from different disciplines within your proposed Special Major. The Coordinator of Special Majors will assist you in the selection of your advisors.
4. In consultation with your faculty advisors, define your proposed Special Major program. Include the following:
 - a. the title of your proposed major;
 - b. subject matter;
 - c. logic and unity of your proposed program;
 - d. other justifications you feel appropriate; and
 - e. why standard University programs cannot be used to satisfy your needs.
5. List the courses you wish to include in the Special Major, including a Writing Proficiency course and courses you have already completed. A Special Major must include at least 30 upper-division units. These units will be distributed among at least two disciplines. You must complete 30 units after your program is approved. These units need not be in the major. Units taken the semester the proposal is approved may be counted toward the 30.

6. You may not use courses listed in your Special Major to satisfy General Education (<https://catalog.csuchico.edu/colleges-departments/undergraduate-education/general-education/>) requirements.
7. Your Special Major proposal must be accompanied by a signed statement from your advisors. This statement should include a brief evaluation of your proposal.
8. Turn your Special Major proposal and copies of your academic transcripts in to Undergraduate Education for evaluation by a faculty/student Special Major Review Committee. The proposal must be submitted before the deadline in order to be considered in that semester. See the Academic Calendar (<https://www.csuchico.edu/apss/calendar/index.shtml/>) or the Class Schedule (<https://www.csuchico.edu/schedule/>) for semester deadlines.
9. The Special Major Review Committee may invite students to discuss their proposal with the Committee.
10. The Coordinator of Special Majors will notify you of the Special Major Review Committee's approval, disapproval, or conditional approval.
11. Upon approval of your Special Major proposal, you will declare your major to be a Special Major.

Electives Requirement

To complete the total units required for the bachelor's degree, select additional elective courses from the total University offerings. You should consult with an advisor regarding the selection of courses which will provide breadth to your University experience and possibly apply to a supportive second major or minor.

See Bachelor's Degree Requirements (<http://catalog.csuchico.edu/viewer/21/BACHELORREQS.html>) in the *University Catalog* for complete details on general degree requirements. A minimum of 39 units, including those required for the major, must be upper division.

General Education Requirements: 48 units

See General Education (<https://catalog.csuchico.edu/colleges-departments/undergraduate-education/general-education/>) and the Class Schedule (<http://www.csuchico.edu/schedule/>) for the most current information on General Education Requirements and course offerings.

Diversity Course Requirements: 6 units

You must complete a minimum of two courses that focus primarily on cultural diversity. At least one course must be in U.S. Diversity (USD) and at least one in Global Cultures (GC). See Diversity Requirements (<https://catalog.csuchico.edu/undergraduate-requirements/diversity-requirements/>) for a full list of courses. Most courses taken to satisfy these requirements may also apply to General Education (<https://catalog.csuchico.edu/colleges-departments/undergraduate-education/general-education/>).

Upper-Division Writing Requirement

Writing Across the Curriculum (EM 17-009 (<http://www.csuchico.edu/prs/EMs/2017/17-009.shtml/>)) is a graduation requirement and may be demonstrated through satisfactory completion of four Writing (W) courses, two of which are designated by the major department. See Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning and Writing Requirements (<https://catalog.csuchico.edu/undergraduate-requirements/mathematicsquantitative-reasoning-writing-requirements/>) for more

details on the four courses. The first of the major designated Writing (W) courses is listed below.

Consult with major advisor.

The second major-designated Writing course is the Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement (GW) (EO 665 (<https://calstate.policystat.com/policy/9585618/latest/>)). Students must earn a C- or higher to receive GW credit. The GE Written Communication (A2) requirement must be completed before a student is permitted to register for a GW course.

Specific writing proficiency for this major will be determined by the nature of the Special Major proposal. Students, in consultation with faculty sponsors, will propose a course (that is an approved upper-division writing proficiency course for the semester in which it is taken) to satisfy the literacy requirement. The Special Major committee will review the proposal to ensure that the Literacy Requirement is met. For further information on the Literacy Requirement, consult the Coordinator of the Special Major program.

Criteria for Applying to the Special Major Program

1. A cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher.
2. A minimum of 30 semester units completed prior to application.