

Open University Enrollment Information – Spring 2026

First Day of Instruction: Wednesday, January 16, 2026

Registration Period: January 16 - February 13, 2026

No registration is allowed after February 13, 2026

Fees: \$310 per unit plus any additional course fees (fees subject to change without notice) are due within 24 hours of registration.

First step in the registration process is to obtain a permission number from the instructor of each class you wish to enroll in. Contact information can be found in the Fresno State directory at directory.csufresno.edu.

Open University permits you to enroll in regular university courses at California State University, Fresno on a space available basis. Open University students are not eligible to receive financial aid and can enroll as matriculated students for subsequent semesters only after (re) applying to the university. Units earned for classes taken through Open University are recorded as resident credit on the Fresno State transcript.

Individuals who intend to apply to a California State University are strongly encouraged to consult with an advisor prior to enrollment in Open University. Admissions and Records is located in Joyal Administration, North Lobby; their phone number is 559.278.2261. Although Fresno State will accept up to **24 units towards a baccalaureate degree** for classes taken through Open University and Extension, credit earned through Open University may affect admission classification for first time freshmen and transfer students. Courses taken through Open University are not normally used to fulfill the requirements toward a graduate degree. Students intending to take a course through the Division of Continuing and Global Education must request special permission from their graduate program coordinator/director to use the course toward their graduate degree. If approved, a maximum of 9 transfer (including California State University, Fresno Extension and/or Open University) units may be used toward a 30-unit program. Students may not enroll through Open University in order to bypass the university fee structure.

Students enrolling in 200-level courses are not permitted to enroll for a second semester until they are formally admitted to a graduate degree program. Students cannot enroll for Thesis or Project through Open University. Graduate students who are disqualified from the university are **not** eligible to enroll in 200 level courses through Open University.

To enroll in more than 10 units, you must seek approval from the Associate Dean in the Division of Continuing and Global Education (CGE). Submit an Excess Units Petition available at: <https://cge.fresnostate.edu/documents/ExcessUnitsPet.pdf> and unofficial transcript of all college coursework to moacosta@csufresno.edu when requesting permission to take more than 10 units.

Students may not enroll in a class for which they have an "I" (incomplete) grade. Please refer to the university general catalog for details.

If a student is wanting to enroll in a class for a third time, they must complete a third attempt form https://studentaffairs.fresnostate.edu/registrar/documents/forms/records/Repeat_course.pdf and submit it to moacosta@csufresno.edu.

Students are responsible for completing all course prerequisites prior to enrolling in classes through Open University.

Students may not elect more than 6 units of CR/NC graded course work per semester. A maximum of 24 units at California State University, Fresno of CR/NC evaluated credit, including all coursework taken CR/NC only, may be applied toward a degree. Credit by examination is not available for Open University students. Please refer to the university's General Catalog for more information.

The Open University Program is subject to the Division of Continuing and Global Education regulations regarding fees, refunds, program changes/withdrawals, and transcripts.

Eligibility

You are eligible to enroll in courses through the Open University program if you:

- missed Fresno State's admission deadline
- want to update your professional training and job skills for your current or future work
- want to test your interest in a field before entry or re-entry
- want to explore personal interests or take prerequisite classes
- were disenrolled or disqualified from the university or from an undergraduate degree program. Graduate students who are disqualified from the university are **not** eligible to enroll in 200 level courses through Open University.
- are **NOT** admitted and enrolled, or a continuing Fresno State student.

International students considering enrollment through Open University must contact the International Office at 559.278.2782 or email international@mail.fresnostate.edu.

How to Register for Open University

Registration Dates: Register and pay fees online January 16 - February 13, 2026. **No registration is allowed after February 13.**