



Fresno State continues to make a deep impact on our community and beyond. From excelling in the classroom and advancing research to positively changing the trajectory of over 25,000 students, we are giving everyone in the larger Central Valley a reason to be proud.



Defining the Valley

\$1 billion in economic activity contributed to the San Joaquin Valley each year



Possibility Meets Intention

Ranked No. 2 nationally in Washington Monthly's 2025 Best Colleges for Your Tuition (and Tax) Dollars



Teaching that Matters

R2 designated institution for high research activity and awarded doctoral degrees

College of Arts and Humanities

As the heart of Fresno State, we study the artistic expression, communication skills, humanistic values and cultural awareness that form the foundation of scholarship and creative activities. The College of Arts and Humanities offers degree programs across ten disciplines to train over 2,000 students as creative and critical thinkers who, as leaders, will transform the quality of life for residents across the region.

By the Numbers

- Alumni of the MFA Creative Writing program have published 27 debut books from 2016–2025.
- 60 students were credentialed to become music teachers in the last five years.*
- Over 60 percent of degrees are conferred to first-generation college students.**
- The average class size is just 24.3 students across the college.**
- Fresno State has the lowest estimated cost of attendance and the lowest food and housing cost for students living on campus than any other CSU.***

* Commission on Teacher Credentialing 2019-24

**Fresno State Office of Institutional Effectiveness 2024–2025

*** California State University estimated cost of attendance 2026-27

Competitive Career Pathways

Graduates from the College of Arts and Humanities go on to become industry leaders, securing jobs in a range of fields and pursuing careers with competitive salaries.

- Public Relations Managers - \$125,230
- Art Directors - \$109,420
- Writers and Authors - \$77,060
- Film and Video Editors - \$73,010
- Camera Operators, Television, Video and Film - \$80,030
- Secondary School Teachers - \$100,750

U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Fresno area, May 2025, annual median wage

Gain experience through paid internships

Fresno State's College of Arts and Humanities has established a robust paid humanities internship program with the support of a generous grant from the Mellon Foundation. Students from all majors in the college have the opportunity to gain hands-on experience with local education, government and nonprofit organizations while helping their community. Interns develop essential professional skills including project management, communication, research and public engagement—competencies that translate directly to career success.

Over 100 students took advantage of this groundbreaking program in its first year, and it continues to grow each semester. Participants work with diverse partners ranging from libraries, law firms, and nonprofits to educational institutions, media organizations and city departments.

The best part? All internships under the program are paid up to 120 hours, ensuring accessibility regardless of financial background. Several placements have already led directly to full and part-time jobs, with many students building lasting professional networks in the Central Valley.

Arts and humanities majors bring critical thinking, creativity, communication skills and cultural awareness to leadership roles across sectors. This program gives you the early career experience to excel from day one.

Find Your Inspiration

Armenian Studies

Minor in Armenian Studies

School of Art, Design and Art History

Bachelor of Arts

- Art - Animation Intermedia option
- Art History
- Art
- Interior Design

Bachelor of Fine Arts in Graphic Design

Master of Arts in Art

Minors in Art, Art History

Single Subject Teaching Credential - Art

Communication

Bachelor of Arts in Communication

Minor in Communication

Certificate of Special Study in Communication Skills for Professionals

English

Bachelor of Arts

- English - Creative Writing option
- English - Literature option
- English Studies

Master of Arts

- English - Literature option
- English - Rhetoric and Writing Studies option

Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing

- Creative Writing
- English Literature
- Literature of Diversity

Minors in Creative Writing, English Literature, Literature of Diversity

Single Subject Teaching Credential - English

Certificate of Advanced Study - Composition

Certificate of Special Study - Creative Writing

Media, Communications and Journalism

Bachelor of Arts in Mass Communication and Journalism - options:

- Advertising and Public Relations
- Broadcast and Digital Journalism
- Film and Media Arts

Minors in Advertising and Public Relations, Broadcast and Digital Journalism, Film and Media Arts, Mass Communication and Journalism, Media Arts

Certificate of Special Study

- Broadcast Meteorology
- Documentary Storytelling
- Filmmaking
- Mass Communication and Journalism
- Spanish Media Production
- Studio Production

Linguistics

Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics - options:

- Chinese
- Computational Linguistics
- General Linguistics
- Interdisciplinary Language Studies
- TESOL/SLAT*

Master of Arts

- Linguistics and TESOL

Minors in Chinese, Cognitive Science, Computational Linguistics, Hmong, Japanese, Linguistics, Teaching English as a Second Language

Certificate (Linguistics Cont.)

- Special Study - Linguistics - TESOL/SLAT*
- Advanced Study - Linguistics - TESOL/SLAT*

* Teaching English as a Second Language, Second Language Acquisition and Teaching

Modern and Classical Languages and Literatures

Bachelor of Arts

- Spanish

Master of Arts in Spanish

(Modern and Classical Languages and Literatures, continued)

Single Subject Credential

- French
- Spanish

Minors in Classical Studies, French, French and Francophone Studies, German, Italian Studies, Portuguese, Portuguese Studies, Spanish, Spanish Translation and Interpreting

School of Music

Bachelor of Music - options

- Composition
- Instrumental Performance
- Jazz Studies
- Music Education (Pre-Certification)
- Vocal Performance

Bachelor of Arts in Music as a Liberal Art

Master of Arts in Music - options:

- Music Education
- Performance

Minors in Music, Music Technology

Single Subject Credential in Music

Philosophy

Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy - options:

- Pre-Law
- Religious Studies

Minors in Middle East Studies, Peace and Conflict Studies, Philosophy, Religious Studies

Certificate of Special Study

- Peacebuilding and Mediation
- Social Justice and Social Change

Theatre and Dance

Bachelor of Arts

- Dance
- Theatre Arts - Acting
- Theatre Arts - Design/Tech
- Theatre Arts - General
- Theatre Arts - Theatre Education

Minors in Dance, Theatre Arts - Drama



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