SAN FRANCISCO STATE UNIVERSITY
A GUIDE FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS
Welcome to
SAN FRANCISCO
STATE UNIVERSITY

SET IN ONE OF THE WORLD’S MOST BEAUTIFUL and diverse cities, the SF State campus features a vibrant mix of people, cultures and languages in a quiet corner of San Francisco just 1.6 km from the Pacific Ocean.

“I’ve grown independent here and already made friends from ten different countries. Professors are not only professors, they are masters in their fields. Friendly people, courses well taught, and a high-quality education without the Ivy League cost.”
— Deepali Mahajan, India

“SF State has helped me develop a lot of skills like socializing with many people from different places. The professors have helped me grow as a person. I have to say my dream came true and now I am right here in the heart of San Francisco. It’s a second home to me.”
— Alvin Liew, Malaysia

Meet us at: oip.sfsu.edu/future
SF STATE DISTINCTIONS

First International Relations department at a U.S. university

First and only College of Ethnic Studies in U.S.

A top film school in the U.S. — Hollywood Reporter

#3 university for diversity — Wall Street Journal

“Best Colleges that Add the Most Value” — Money magazine

Top 5% of business schools globally — AACSB International accreditation

Graduate College of Education graduates highest paid in U.S. — USA Today

SF State alumni have won 10 Pulitzers, 16 Oscars, 47 Emmys, 10 Grammys, 12 Tonys

10 faculty winners of National Science Foundation’s most prestigious awards

Pioneer in discovery of 500+ planets outside our solar system

Awarded most Gilman Scholarships in the U.S. to study abroad
Enrollment
Undergraduate students: 26,600
Graduate students: 2,990
International Students: 1,500
Total students: 30,256

Office of International Programs
We’ll help you adjust to your new life as an F-1 visa student. Our advisors are multilingual and sensitive to the needs of international students.
Website: oip.sfsu.edu
Phone: +1.415.338.1293

American Language Institute (ALI)
ALI is one of the oldest and most respected English-language programs in the U.S. English-language instruction for academic success
Admission letter to academic degree programs
TOEFL preparation
Website: ali.sfsu.edu
Phone: +1.415.338.1438

Sports
NCAA II, CCAA and RMAC Conferences
Men: basketball, baseball, cross country, soccer, wrestling
Women: basketball, cross country, softball, track and field, soccer, volleyball
Website: sfstategators.com

Admission Requirements

Housing
SF State offers several on-campus housing options. Housing application period begins March 1, 2018
Website: housing.sfsu.edu
Email: housing@sfsu.edu
Phone: +1.415.338.1067

Financial Assistance
For a complete list of scholarships offered to international students, visit oip.sfsu.edu/financialassistance. Graduate students should contact academic departments to learn more about assistantships offered.

Admission Contact Information
International Undergraduate Admissions
Website: sfsu.edu/future/apply/international.html
Email: ugintl@sfsu.edu
Phone: +1.415.338.2382

International Graduate Admissions
Website: grad.sfsu.edu
Email: intgrad@sfsu.edu
Phone: +1.415.405.4005

Graduate/Post-Graduate (Master’s, Ph.D., Ed.D. degrees)

Undergraduate Bachelor’s Degree

- Complete a secondary/high school curriculum that totals 12 years of primary-secondary education; earn a graduation diploma or certificate.
- Official transcript and certificates/diplomas showing proof of graduation must be in the original language of issue; submit certified English translation for non-English documents.
- Grades/marks/scores should be a minimum 2.5 (B-) Grade Point Average (GPA) in the 4.0 grading scale for admission purposes; or
- International Baccalaureate (IB) Scores & Credit minimum 4.5 on IB grading scale for years 10-12; or
- IGCSE (O-Levels) & GCE (AS/A-Levels):
  - Exam results certificate; “Candidate’s Statement of Results” is not accepted.
  - Highest level exam for each subject is used for evaluation.
- Earn a passing grade in at least 5 distinct subjects and a minimum 2.5 (B-) GPA

- Hold a degree or diploma that SF State considers to be equivalent to a U.S. bachelor’s degree from a government-recognized or regionally accredited institution.
- Official transcript (academic record) from all colleges/universities attended; an official academic document is a verification of your academic record issued directly from the institution.
- Official transcripts and certificates/diplomas must be in the original language of issue; submit certified English translation for non-English documents.
- Minimum average of grades/marks/scores should be a minimum 3.0 (B) grade point average (GPA) in the 4.0 grading scale; some majors require a higher GPA.

- Subject Credit may be awarded for AS/A-Level exams and IB Higher Level exams.
- Transfer credit from accredited colleges/universities is given upon SF State evaluation of transcripts.
- Some majors may require a higher GPA.
- Minimum TOEFL IBT 61, IELTS 6.0 or PTE 45.
- Undergraduate Application Filing Periods:
  - Fall Semester (August – December)
    Apply: October 1 – May 1
  - Spring Semester (January – May)
    Apply: August 1 – September 30

- Some majors have earlier deadlines and additional admission requirements.
- Minimum TOEFL IBT 80, IELTS 7.0 or PTE 65; some majors require higher scores.
- Certain majors require GRE or GMAT scores.
- Personal statement and letters of recommendation.
- Graduate Application Filing Periods:

  - Fall Semester (August – December)
    Apply beginning October 1
    Spring Semester (January – May)
    Apply beginning August 1

- Admission requirements and deadlines vary for the different majors; check the Graduate Studies website: grad.sfsu.edu/program-deadline-intl.

Apply online at calstate.edu/apply
Application Fee: $55
Submit Financial Affidavit showing tuition/fees and cost of living for one year (subject to change):
Cost of Living: $22,020
Undergraduate Tuition/Fees for one academic year: $16,762
Graduate Tuition/Fees for one academic year: $15,028

"I love my professors and the time they spend with you, the educational quality. They keep pushing you and it’s very personalized with tools to help you succeed in your career. It would be difficult to find this at another school."
— Mariela Gonzalez, Venezuela

"There are a lot of opportunities to connect with people at tech companies like Facebook and Google. There’s a big community for job hunting and finding your dream that you won’t find at another university."
— Yoshiko Mizoguchi, Japan

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LIST OF DEGREE PROGRAMS

ACCOUNTANCY ............................................. BA/MA
AFRICANA STUDIES ........................... BA/MA
AMERICAN INDIAN STUDIES ............... BA/MA
AMERICAN STUDIES ................................. BA/MA
ANTHROPOLOGY ................................ BA/MA
APPAREL DESIGN / MERCHANDISING .... BS
APPLIED MATHEMATICS ......................... BS
ART ............................................................ BA
Art History, Art History & Studio, Art, Art Education
ART .................................................. MA/MFA
ASIAN AMERICAN STUDIES ................ BA/MA
BIOCHEMISTRY .................................................. BA
BIOLOGY .................................................. BA
BIOLOGY .................................................. BS
Botany, Cell & Molecular Biology, Ecology, Marine Biology & Limnology, Microbiology, Physiology, Zoology
BIOLOGY .................................................. M.S
Cell & Molecular Biology, Ecology, Evolution & Conservation Biology, Marine Biology, Microbiology, Physiology & Behavioral Biology
BIOMEDICAL SCIENCE ............................. M.S
Biotechnology | Stem Cell Science
BROADCAST & ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION ARTS ...... BA/MA
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION .................. BS
Accounting, Business Administration, Decision Sciences, Finance, Information Systems, International Business Management, Marketing
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION .................. MBA
BUSINESS ANALYTICS .......................... M.S
CHEMISTRY .................................................. BA/BS
CHEMISTRY .................................................. M.S
Biochemistry
CHILD & ADOLESCENT DEVELOPMENT ...... BA
Early Childhood, School Age Child & Family, Youth Work & Out of School Time
CHINESE .................................................. BA/MA
Chinese Language, Chinese Literature and Linguistics, Flagship Chinese Language
CINEMA .................................................. BA/MA
CINEMA STUDIES ................................ BA/MA
CIVIL ENGINEERING ............................... MA
CLASSES .................................................. BA/BS
COMMUNICATION STUDIES .................... BA/MA
COMMUNICATIVE DISORDERS ................ BA/MA
COMPARATIVE LITERATURE .................... BA/MA
COMPUTER ENGINEERING ...................... BS
COMPUTER SCIENCE .............................. BS
COMPUTER SCIENCE .............................. M.S
Computing and Business, Computing for Life Sciences, Software Engineering
COUNSELING ........................................... M.S
Marriage, Family & Child Counseling, Mental Health
CREATIVE WRITING .............................. M.F.A
CRIMINAL JUSTICE STUDIES ............... BA
DANCE ...................................................... BA
DIETETICS .................................................. BS
Dietetics & Nutrition Science, Foods and Community Nutrition
EARTH SCIENCES ................................ BA/BS
ECONOMICS .................................................. BA/MA
EDUCATION .................................................. MA
Adult Education, Early Childhood Education, Educational Administration, Elementary Education, Equity & Social Justice in Education Instructional Technologies, Mathematics Education, Secondary Education, Special Interest Area
EDUCATION .................................................. Ph.D
Special Ed joint w/UCB
EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP P-12 & CC .... Ed.D
ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING ..................... BS
ENGINEERING ............................................. BS
Civil, Computer, Electrical, Mechanical ENGINEERING ............................................. M.S
Embedded Electrical & Computer Systems, Energy Systems, Structural/Earthquake Engineering
ENGLISH ................................................... BA
Creative Writing, English Education, Individual Major, Linguistics, Literature
ENGLISH ................................................... MA
Composition, Creative Writing, Linguistics, Literature, TESOL
ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES ..................... BA/BS
Natural Resource Management & Conservation
ETHNIC STUDIES ......................................... MA
FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCES ..........BA/MA
FRENCH .................................................. BA/MA
GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SCIENCE ...... M.S
GEOGRAPHY .................................................. BA/MA
Resource Management & Environmental Planning
GEOSCIENCES ............................................. M.S
GERMAN .................................................. BA/MA
GERONTOLOGY .......................................... MA
HEALTH EDUCATION ............................... BA
HISTORY .................................................... BA
Honors Program
HISTORY .................................................... MA
HOSPITALITY & TOURISM MANAGEMENT ...BS
HUMAN SEXUALITY STUDIES ............... MA
HUMANITIES ............................................... BA/MA
INDUSTRIAL DESIGN ............................... BS
Product Design & Development
INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES .................. MA/MS
INTERIOR DESIGN ........................................ BS
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS ............... BA/MA
ITALIAN .................................................. BA/MA
JAPANESE ............................................. BA/MA
JOURNALISM ............................................. BA
Photjournalism, Print & Online Journalism
KINESIOLOGY ............................................. BS
Exercise & Movement Sciences, Physical Education
KINESIOLOGY ............................................. MA
LABOR & EMPLOYMENT STUDIES ........... BA
LATINO/LATINO STUDIES ....................... BA
LIBERAL STUDIES ........................................ BA
MARINE AND ESTUARINE SCIENCE ......... MS
MATHEMATICS ............................................. BA/BS/MA
Mathematics for Advanced Studies, Mathematics for Liberal Arts, Mathematics for Teaching
MUSIC ............................................. BA/MA/BS
MUSEUM STUDIES ......................................... BA
NURSING ................................................... MS
Family Nurse Practitioner
NURSING (ALSO APO NURSING) .......... BS
PHILOSOPHY ............................................. BA/MA
PHILOSOPHY & RELIGION ....................... BA
PHYSICAL THERAPY JOINT UCSF .......... DPTSc
PHYSICAL THERAPY JOINT UCSF ............ DPT
PHYSICS .................................................... BA
Astronomy
PHYSICS .................................................... BS
Astronomy, Astrophysics, Physics for Teaching
PHYSICS .................................................... MS
Astronomy
POLITICAL SCIENCE .............................. BA/MA
PSYCHOLOGY .................................................. BA
PSYCHOLOGY .................................................. MA
Developmental Psychology, Mind, Brain & Behavior, Social Psychology
PSYCHOLOGY .................................................. MS
Clinical Psychology, Industrial/Organizational Psychology, School Psychology
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION ....................... MPA
PUBLIC HEALTH ........................................ MPH
RECREATION, PARKS & TOURISM ADMINISTRATION .............. BS
RECREATION, PARKS & TOURISM ............ MS
SOCIAL WORK ........................................ BA/MA/MSW
SOCIOLGY .................................................. BA
SPANISH .................................................. BA/MA
SPECIAL EDUCATION ............................. MA
SPECIAL MAJOR .......................................... BA
STATISTICS .................................................. BS
TECHNICAL & PROFESSIONAL WRITING ...... BA
THEATRE ARTS ....................................... BA/MA
URBAN STUDIES & PLANNING ................ BA
VISUAL COMMUNICATIONS DESIGN ......... BS
WOMEN & GENDER STUDIES ............... BA/MA

Before applying, please visit sfsu.edu/future/degrees/academic.html for the most updated degree programs list. Apply online calstate.edu/apply

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