

A nighttime photograph of the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco. The bridge's towers and suspension cables are illuminated with blue lights. The bridge deck is filled with cars, their headlights and taillights creating a sense of motion. In the background, the San Francisco skyline is lit up, with the Transamerica Pyramid and other skyscrapers visible against a dark blue sky. The water of the bay is dark, reflecting some of the city lights.

San Francisco State University

Guide for International Transfer
and High School Students

San Francisco State University



“
As a transfer student from a community college, I was nervous about the transition and my adaptation to a new environment at SF State. Fortunately, faculty and staff are truly amazing and were there to assist me.
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Thanh Tang
Vietnam



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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



“
SF State gave me an incredible amount of assets, direction, and help for me to understand my dreams.
”

Lakshita Chugh
India

Top Majors

for International Students

Business Administration

Engineering

Computer Science

Biology

International Relations

Broadcasting & Electronic Communication Arts (BECA)

Education/ TESOL

Cinema

Psychology

Communication Studies

Downtown Campus
Main Campus



Located in San Francisco, birthplace of the United Nations and home to one of the most multicultural populations in the world, San Francisco State University is committed to preparing students for positions in the global marketplace of commerce and ideas.

The University is located in a quiet and safe residential neighborhood in San Francisco with public transportation to all parts of the city and beyond. With a bus and a train stop in front of campus, the excitement of downtown is only 20 minutes away.

Lower-Division Transfers

FRESHMAN & SOPHOMORE LEVEL

International students qualify for admission as lower-division transfers if they have completed fewer than 60 semester (90 quarter) transferable units. Lower-division transfers must submit transcripts from all colleges/universities and high schools/secondary schools attended and meet freshman requirements.

FOREIGN HIGH/SECONDARY SCHOOL GRADUATES

International students who completed a 12-year education program in another country need to submit copies of official transcripts (bring originals upon arrival) along with proof of graduation (minimum 2.5 GPA).

U.S. HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

International students who received a U.S. high school diploma must meet the U.S. high school subject requirements and Eligibility Index and submit one of these test scores: SAT or ACT. (Minimum scores depend on GPA.) For more information: bulletin.sfsu.edu/undergraduate-admissions

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

Applicants for undergraduate admission as lower-division must submit an official TOEFL iBT61, official IELTS 6.0, SAT Reading/Writing Score 550, ACT English Score 22 or IB English A Higher Level with a Score 4.

An applicant can waive the TOEFL/IELTS admission requirement if he/she has completed upper-division transfer requirements or two semesters of English composition courses at a U.S. college/university with grades "C" or better in BOTH courses.



Upper-Division Transfers

JUNIOR & SENIOR LEVEL

International students must complete at least 60 semester (90 quarter) transferable units for upper-division status. All courses for admission requirements must be completed in the spring semester for fall admission and in fall for spring admission.

GENERAL EDUCATION (GE)

International students must complete at least 30 semester (45 quarter) units of GE courses with a grade of "C" or better, including the four basic subjects listed below. Each course is usually 3 semester (4.5 quarter) units.

Oral Communication (A1)

A course in public speaking, interpersonal communication, group discussion or small group discussion.

Written Communication (A2)

A freshman English composition course.

Critical Thinking (A3)

A course in logic, argumentation or debate.

Quantitative Reasoning (B4)

A college-level math class.

GRADE POINT AVERAGE (GPA)

International students must have a minimum overall GPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 grading scale, except for impacted majors.

No TOEFL/IELTS needed if above requirements are met.

Admission policies subject to change. Visit future.sfsu.edu/apply/international for the latest information.

Freshmen Requirements

UNDERGRADUATE BACHELOR'S DEGREE

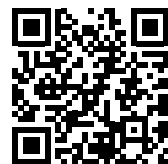
- Complete a secondary/high school curriculum that totals 12 years of primary-secondary education; earn a graduation diploma or certificate.
- Grades/marks/scores should be a minimum 2.5 (B-) grade point average (GPA) in the 4.0 grading scale for admission purposes; or
- Meet the Eligibility Index with your GPA and SAT/ACT test score.
- 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 five distinct subjects and a minimum 2.5 (B-) 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.
- May require proof of English language proficiency. Minimum TOEFL iBT 61, IELTS 6.0 or PTE 45.

"A-G" COLLEGE PREP COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Earn a C- or better in these courses

Subjects	Years	Notes
a. History/Social Science	2	1 year U.S. History (or 1 semester US History and 1 semester U.S. Government) & 1 year of Social Science
b. English	4	Composition and Literature; only 1 year of approved ESL can be used
c. Mathematics	3	Algebra I, Geometry and Algebra II; or Integrated Mathematics
d. Laboratory Science	2	1 year of Biology and 1 year of Chemistry or Physics, both with lab
e. Foreign Language	2	Waived if English is not your native language
f. Visual and Performing Arts	1	Art, Theatre/Drama, Music or Dance

oip.sfsu.edu/future



APPLY ONLINE AT CALSTATE.EDU/APPLY

Official transcripts (academic records) for all institutions attended and certificates/diplomas showing proof of graduation must be in the original language of issue. Submit certified English translations for non-English documents. Copies of the official documents should be uploaded into the Cal State Apply application. Application fee is \$70.

SUBMIT FINANCIAL AFFIDAVIT showing tuition/fees and cost of living for one year (subject to change)	
Cost of living	\$23,132
Undergraduate tuition/fees for one academic year	\$16,774

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. For more information future.sfsu.edu/impaction.

San Francisco State University is an equal opportunity institution and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, gender, religion, age, national origin, disability or sexual orientation. This information is available in alternative formats upon request.



Campus Information

ENROLLMENT

Undergraduate students: 26,436
 Graduate students: 3,150
 International students: 1,250
 Total students: 29,586

OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS (OIP)

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.
 Web: oip.sfsu.edu
 Email: 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
- Conditional admission to undergraduate degree program
- TOEFL preparation

Web: ali.sfsu.edu
 Email: celglobal@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
 Web: sfstategators.com

HOUSING

Housing application begins March 1 for the fall semester.
 Web: 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.

INTERNATIONAL UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS

Web: future.sfsu.edu/apply/international
 Email: ugintl@sfsu.edu
 Phone: +1.415.338.2382

Majors

San Francisco State offers 79 undergraduate degrees — many with field work, community projects and internships that give you an advantage in the job market after graduation.

- **Africana Studies**
- **American Indian Studies**
- **American Studies**
- **Anthropology**
- **Apparel Design and Merchandising**
 - Design
 - Merchandising
- **Applied Mathematics**
- **Art**
 - Art History and Studio Art
 - Studio Art
- **Art History**
- **Asian American Studies**
- **Biochemistry**
- **Biology**
- **Biology w/concentration**
 - Botany
 - Cell and Molecular
 - Ecology
 - Marine and Limnology
 - Microbiology
 - Physiology
 - Zoology
- **Broadcast and Electronic Communication Arts (BECA)**
- **Business Administration**
 - Accounting
 - Decision Sciences
 - Finance
 - General
 - Information Systems
 - International Business
 - Management
 - Marketing
- **Chemistry**
- **Child and Adolescent Development**
 - Early Childhood
 - School Age Child and Family
 - Youth Work and Out of School Time
- **Chinese**
 - Flagship Chinese Language
 - Language
 - Literature and Linguistics
- **Cinema**
- **Classics**
- **Communication Studies**
- **Communicative Disorders**
- **Comparative and World Literature**
- **Computer Science**
- **Criminal Justice Studies**
- **Dance**
- **Design**
 - Industrial Design: Product Design and Development
 - Visual Communication Design
- **Earth Sciences**
- **Economics**
- **Engineering**
 - Civil
 - Computer
 - Electrical
 - Mechanical
- **English**
 - Creative Writing
 - English Education
 - Linguistics
 - Literature
 - Professional Writing and Rhetoric
- **Environmental Sciences**
- **Environmental Studies**
 - Natural Resource Management and Conservation
- **Family and Consumer Sciences**
- **French**
- **Geography**
- **German**
- **Health Education**
- **History**
- **Hospitality and Tourism Management**
- **Humanities**
- **Interior Design**
- **International Relations**
- **Italian**
- **Japanese**
- **Journalism**
 - Photojournalism
 - Print and Online Journalism
- **Kinesiology**
 - Exercise and Movement Sciences
 - Integrated Teacher Education Program in Physical Education
- **Labor and Employment Studies**
- **Latina/Latino Studies**
- **Liberal Studies**
- **Mathematics Studies**
 - Advanced Studies
 - Liberal Arts
 - Teaching
- **Music**
- **Modern Jewish Studies**
- **Nursing**
 - Prelicensure
 - Accelerated Prelicensure
 - ADN to BSN
- **Nutrition and Dietetics**
 - Dietetics and Nutrition Science
 - Food and Community Nutrition
- **Philosophy**
- **Philosophy and Religion**
- **Physics**
 - Astronomy
 - Astrophysics
 - Physics for Teaching
- **Political Science**
- **Psychology**
- **Recreation, Parks and Tourism Administration**
- **Social Work**
- **Sociology**
- **Spanish**
- **Special Major**
- **Statistics**
- **Theatre Arts**
- **Urban Studies and Planning**
- **Women and Gender Studies**

