

# San Francisco State University

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

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SAN FRANCISCO  
STATE UNIVERSITY



# Welcome to **San Francisco State University**

A FIRST-RATE EDUCATION WITH  
A COMPETITIVE EDGE

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 (SF State) 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.



# Rankings & Distinctions

In a region known for innovation, creativity and progressive thinking, SF State is the intellectual heart and soul of the surrounding city. Acknowledged as a leader in community service learning and international education, SF State is also a major civic force, partnering with government, business and educational leaders to advance both the University and the region.

- The Center for Computing in Life Sciences at SF State conducts **LEADING-EDGE RESEARCH** in such areas as bioinformatics, data modeling and computational drug discovery by integrating life sciences, computational science and mathematics.
- Recognized by the Aspen Institute as **ONE OF THE WORLD'S TOP BUSINESS SCHOOLS** integrating social and environmental issues into its curriculum, SF State was the first California State University campus to offer an MBA with an emphasis in sustainability accredited by the Association for the Advancement of Collegiate Schools of Business.
- SF State's Broadcast and Electronic Communications (Radio & TV) department is **ONE OF THE LARGEST AND MOST INFLUENTIAL PROGRAMS** of its kind in the Western U.S.
- SF State's Physical Therapy Master's program has been consistently ranked **ONE OF THE TOP 20 PROGRAMS** in the country by U.S. News & World Report.
- SF State was the **FIRST UNIVERSITY TO OFFER A DEGREE IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**, and the program remains among the top 15 nationwide.
- SF State is a **NEW TRAINING GROUND FOR FUTURE STEM CELL RESEARCH**, with support from a \$1.7 million grant from the California Institute of Regenerative Medicine. The University's new stem cell biology training program prepares scientists for the leading edge of stem cell research.





# Admission Requirements

## UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS (BACHELOR'S DEGREE)

- Complete a high/secondary school curriculum which totals 12 years of primary-secondary education.
- Earn a graduation diploma or certificate.
- Minimum average of grades/marks/scores should equal a 2.5 grade point average (GPA) in the 4.0 grading scale; some majors require a higher GPA.
- Required minimum TOEFL iBT 61 or IELTS 6.0
- An official transcript (academic record) from all schools/institutions attended showing completion of courses with examinations or grades
- Transfer credit from accredited colleges/universities is given upon SF State evaluation of transcripts.
- Official transcript and certificate/diplomas must be in the original language of issue; submit certified English translations for non-English documents.
- Financial Statement showing cost of studying and living for one year
- Medical Health Insurance agreement
- Application fee \$55 U.S.

### APPLICATION FILING PERIODS

FALL SEMESTER (Aug.–Dec.):  
October 1–May 1

SPRING SEMESTER (Jan.–May):  
August 1–September 30

Some majors have earlier deadlines, additional admission requirements and do not offer spring admission.

## GRADUATE/POST-GRADUATE ADMISSIONS (MASTER'S, PhD, EdD DEGREES)

- 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.
- An official transcript (academic record) from all institutions attended; an official academic document is a verification of your academic record issued directly from the university.
- Official transcript and certificate/diplomas must be in the original language of issue; submit certified English translations for non-English documents.
- Minimum average of grades/marks/scores should equal a 3.0 grade point average (GPA) in the 4.0 grading scale; some majors require a higher GPA.
- Required minimum TOEFL iBT 80, IELTS 7.0 or PTE 6.5; some majors require higher scores.
- Personal statement and letters of recommendation
- Certain majors require GRE or GMAT.
- Financial statement showing cost of studying and living for one year
- Medical health insurance agreement
- Admission requirements and deadlines vary for the different majors; check Graduate Studies Web page: [www.sfsu.edu/~gradstdy/program-deadline.htm](http://www.sfsu.edu/~gradstdy/program-deadline.htm)

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# Campus Information

## OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

The Office of International Programs will help you adjust to your new life as an SF State student. The staff members are multilingual and sensitive to the concerns of international students, and look forward to making your educational experience safe, comfortable and rewarding.

According to IIE's Open Doors data, SF State consistently enrolls more international students than any other master's degree-granting institution in the U.S.

## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

For a complete list of scholarships, visit [www.sfsu.edu/~oip/financialassistance.htm](http://www.sfsu.edu/~oip/financialassistance.htm)

Some graduate programs offer assistantships to international students. Contact specific departments for more information.

## HOUSING

- The University offers several on-campus housing options: residence halls, apartments with one, two or three bedrooms and family apartments.
- Rooms are fully furnished with free cable TV, Internet and local telephone service.
- University Housing recommends you apply for housing before being admitted to SF State. Housing is offered on a first-come, first-served basis and demand is very high. **The housing application process is separate from University admission.**
- University Park offers unfurnished two- or three-bedroom apartments.
- For more information, visit [www.sfsu.edu/~housing/](http://www.sfsu.edu/~housing/)

## AMERICAN LANGUAGE INSTITUTE

The American Language Institute (ALI) is one of the oldest and most respected language programs in the United States. The ALI features:

- English language instruction for academic success and university preparation
- Conditional eligibility (admission) letter to academic degree programs
- TOEFL preparation

For more information, contact ALI:

tel 415.338.1438

e-mail [ali@sfsu.edu](mailto:ali@sfsu.edu)

[www.sfsu.edu/~ali/](http://www.sfsu.edu/~ali/)





# Fast Facts

## ENROLLMENT

Undergraduate students: 25,279

Graduate students: 4,262

International students: 1,484

TOTAL STUDENTS: 29,541

## AFFILIATION

Founded in 1899, San Francisco State University is part of the California State University (CSU), the largest system of higher education in the United States.

## ACCREDITATION

SF State is accredited by the Accrediting Commission for Senior Colleges and Universities of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC). California State Board of Education departments and programs are also individually accredited.

## ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Two 16-week semesters, late August-December (fall) and late January-May (spring), and three summer sessions, June-August.

## TOP TEN MAJORS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

- Business Administration
- Computer Science
- Engineering
- Biology
- Communication Studies
- Psychology
- International Relations
- Industrial Design/Arts
- English/TESOL
- Kinesiology

## LIBRARY

With more than 4.6 million items, the J. Paul Leonard Library has extensive electronic resources and computer labs.

## ACADEMIC COLLEGES

College of Business, College of Ethnic Studies, College of Health & Social Sciences, College of Liberal & Creative Arts, College of Science & Engineering, Graduate College of Education

## DEGREE/PROGRAM OFFERINGS

SF State awards bachelor's degrees in 78 academic areas with an additional 46 areas of concentration and master's degrees in 62 academic areas with an additional 42 areas of concentration. The University offers an independent Doctor of Education (EdD) in Educational Leadership as well as a PhD in education with a concentration in special education, jointly with University of California, Berkeley. In addition, SF State offers jointly with University of California, San Francisco an MS in physical therapy leading to a clinical doctoral degree (DPT) and a research doctorate for licensed physical therapists (DPTSc).

## SERVICES, SPORTS & ACTIVITIES

SF State offers an array of services, sports and activities that complement a successful academic experience. The athletic facilities include an indoor pool, basketball and tennis courts, a weight room, a soccer field and an all-weather running track.

Some of the services and activities offered are:

- Career Center
- Learning Assistance Center
- Student Health Center
- Community Involvement Center
- Associated Student Clubs and Organizations
- Disability Programs & Resource Center
- Scholarship Office
- NCAA Division II Sports
- Faculty Advisors
- On-campus Job Fair

# For More Information

## OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

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e-mail [oiip@sfsu.edu](mailto:oiip@sfsu.edu)  
[www.sfsu.edu/~oiip](http://www.sfsu.edu/~oiip)

## INTERNATIONAL ADMISSIONS GRADUATE

tel 415.338.2234  
e-mail [intlgrad@sfsu.edu](mailto:intlgrad@sfsu.edu)  
[www.sfsu.edu/prospect](http://www.sfsu.edu/prospect)

## INTERNATIONAL ADMISSIONS UNDERGRADUATE

tel 415.338.2382  
e-mail [ugintl@sfsu.edu](mailto:ugintl@sfsu.edu)  
[www.sfsu.edu/prospect](http://www.sfsu.edu/prospect)

## BULLETIN (CATALOG)

[www.sfsu.edu/~bulletin](http://www.sfsu.edu/~bulletin)

## BURSAR'S OFFICE (FEE PAYMENT)

tel 415.338.1280  
e-mail [bursar@sfsu.edu](mailto:bursar@sfsu.edu)  
[www.sfsu.edu/~bursar](http://www.sfsu.edu/~bursar)

## COLLEGE OF EXTENDED LEARNING

tel 415.405-7700  
e-mail [sfsucel@sfsu.edu](mailto:sfsucel@sfsu.edu)  
[www.cel.sfsu.edu/international](http://www.cel.sfsu.edu/international)

## DISABILITY PROGRAMS & RESOURCE CENTER

tel 415.338.2472  
e-mail [dprc@sfsu.edu](mailto:dprc@sfsu.edu)  
[www.sfsu.edu/~dprc](http://www.sfsu.edu/~dprc)

## REGISTRAR'S OFFICE

tel 415.338.2350  
e-mail [records@sfsu.edu](mailto:records@sfsu.edu)  
[www.sfsu.edu/~reg](http://www.sfsu.edu/~reg)

## STUDENT ATHLETICS

tel 415.338.2218  
e-mail [athletic@sfsu.edu](mailto:athletic@sfsu.edu)  
<http://athletics.sfsu.edu>

## STUDENT HEALTH CENTER

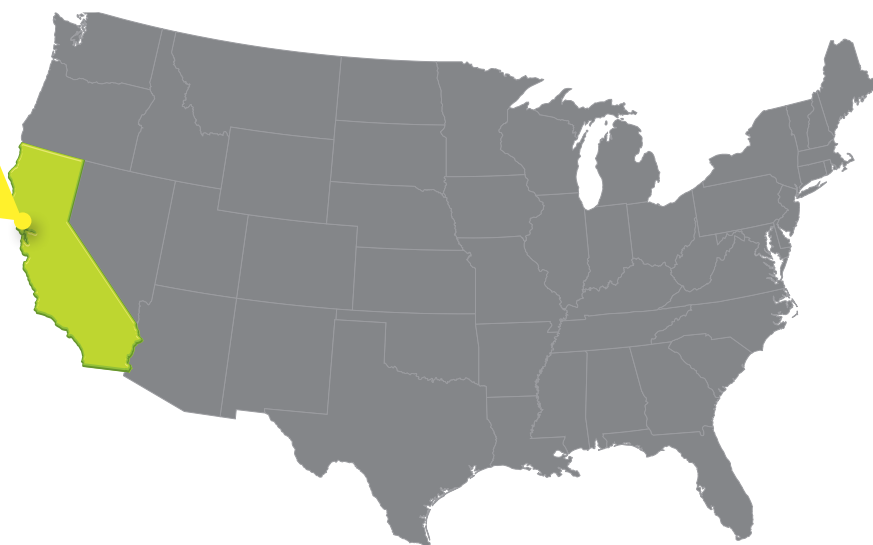
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## TESTING CENTER

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# Academic Degree Programs Offered by SF State

## A

ACCOUNTANCY ..... MS  
 AFRICANA STUDIES ..... BA  
 AMERICAN INDIAN STUDIES ..... BA  
 AMERICAN STUDIES ..... BA  
 ANTHROPOLOGY ..... BA/MA  
 APPAREL DESIGN/  
 MERCHANDISING ..... BS  
 APPLIED MATHEMATICS ..... BS  
 ART ..... BA  
 ▪ Art Education  
 ▪ Art History  
 ▪ Art History & Studio Art  
 ▪ Studio Art  
 ART ..... MA/MFA  
 ASIAN AMERICAN STUDIES ..... MA  
 ATMOSPHERIC &  
 OCEANIC SCIENCES ..... BS  
 ▪ Meteorology  
 ▪ Oceanography

## B

BIOCHEMISTRY ..... BS  
 BIOLOGY ..... BA  
 BIOLOGY ..... BS  
 ▪ Botany  
 ▪ Cell & Molecular Biology  
 ▪ Ecology  
 ▪ Marine Biology & Limnology  
 ▪ Microbiology  
 ▪ Physiology  
 ▪ Zoology  
 BIOLOGY ..... MS  
 ▪ Cell & Molecular Biology  
 ▪ Ecology, Evolution & Conservation  
 Biology  
 ▪ Marine Biology  
 ▪ Microbiology  
 ▪ Physiology & Behavioral Biology  
 BIOMEDICAL SCIENCE ..... MS  
 ▪ Biotechnology  
 ▪ Stem Cell Science  
 BROADCAST & ELECTRONIC  
 COMMUNICATION ARTS ..... BA/MA  
 BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION ..... BS  
 ▪ Accounting  
 ▪ Decision Sciences  
 ▪ Finance  
 ▪ Information Systems  
 ▪ International Business  
 ▪ Management  
 ▪ Marketing

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION .. MBA

## C

CHEMISTRY ..... BA/BS  
 CHEMISTRY ..... MS  
 ▪ Biochemistry  
 CHILD & ADOLESCENT  
 DEVELOPMENT ..... BA  
 ▪ Early Childhood  
 ▪ Policy, Advocacy, & Systems  
 ▪ School Age Child & Family  
 ▪ Youth Work & Out of School Time  
 CHINESE ..... BA/MA  
 CINEMA ..... BA/MFA  
 CINEMA STUDIES ..... MA  
 CIVIL ENGINEERING ..... BS

CLASSICS ..... BA/MA  
 COMMUNICATION STUDIES BA/MA  
 COMMUNICATIVE  
 DISORDERS ..... BA/MS  
 COMPARATIVE  
 LITERATURE ..... BA/MA  
 COMPUTER ENGINEERING ..... BS  
 COMPUTER SCIENCE ..... BS  
 COMPUTER SCIENCE ..... MS  
 ▪ Computing and Business  
 ▪ Computing for Life Sciences  
 ▪ Software Engineering  
 COUNSELING ..... MS  
 ▪ Marriage, Family, &  
 Child Counseling  
 CREATIVE WRITING ..... MFA  
 CRIMINAL JUSTICE STUDIES ..... BA

## D

DANCE ..... BA  
 DIETETICS ..... BS  
 DRAMA ..... BA/MA

## E

EARTH SCIENCES ..... BA  
 ECONOMICS ..... BA/MA  
 EDUCATION ..... MA  
 ▪ Adult Education  
 ▪ Early Childhood Education  
 ▪ Educational Administration  
 ▪ Elementary Education  
 ▪ Equity & Social Justice in Education  
 ▪ Instructional Technologies  
 ▪ Language & Literacy Education  
 ▪ Mathematics Education  
 ▪ Secondary Education  
 ▪ Special Interest Area

EDUCATION ..... PhD  
 ▪ Special Ed joint w/UCB

EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP  
 P-12 & CC ..... EdD

ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING ..... BS  
 ENGINEERING ..... MS  
 ▪ 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  
 ▪ Environmental Sustainability  
 & Social Justice  
 ▪ Humanities & the Environment  
 ▪ The Urban Environment

ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES ..... BS  
 ▪ Earth System Sciences  
 ▪ Natural Resource Management  
 & Conservation

ETHNIC STUDIES ..... MA

## F

FAMILY & CONSUMER  
 SCIENCES ..... BA/MA  
 FRENCH ..... BA/MA

## G

GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION  
 SCIENCE ..... MS  
 GEOGRAPHY ..... BA  
 GEOGRAPHY ..... MA  
 ▪ Resource Management &  
 Environmental Planning  
 GEOLOGY ..... BS  
 GEOSCIENCES ..... MS  
 GERMAN ..... BA/MA  
 GERONTOLOGY ..... MA

## H

HEALTH EDUCATION ..... BS  
 HISTORY ..... BA  
 ▪ Honors Program  
 HISTORY ..... MA  
 HOSPITALITY & TOURISM  
 MANAGEMENT ..... BS  
 HUMAN SEXUALITY  
 STUDIES ..... MA  
 HUMANITIES ..... BA/MA

## I

INDUSTRIAL ARTS ..... BA/MA  
 INDUSTRIAL DESIGN ..... BS  
 ▪ Industrial Technology  
 ▪ Product Design & Development  
 INTERDISCIPLINARY  
 STUDIES ..... MA/MS  
 INTERIOR DESIGN ..... BS  
 INTERNATIONAL  
 RELATIONS ..... BA/MA  
 ITALIAN ..... BA/MA

## J

JAPANESE ..... BA/MA  
 JOURNALISM ..... BA  
 ▪ Photojournalism  
 ▪ Print & Online Journalism

## K

KINESIOLOGY ..... BS  
 ▪ Exercise & Movement Sciences  
 ▪ Physical Education  
 KINESIOLOGY ..... MS

## L

LABOR & EMPLOYMENT  
 STUDIES ..... BA  
 LATINA/LATINO STUDIES ..... BA  
 LIBERAL STUDIES ..... BA

## M

MARINE SCIENCE ..... MS  
 MATHEMATICS ..... BA  
 ▪ Mathematics for Advanced Study  
 ▪ Mathematics for Liberal Arts  
 ▪ Mathematics for Teaching  
 MATHEMATICS ..... MA  
 MECHANICAL ENGINEERING ..... BS

MODERN JEWISH STUDIES ..... BA  
 MUSEUM STUDIES ..... MA  
 MUSIC ..... BA/BM/MA/MM

## N

NURSING ..... MS  
 ▪ Family Nurse Practitioner  
 NURSING  
 (ALSO APO NURSING) ..... BS

## P

PHILOSOPHY ..... BA/MA  
 PHILOSOPHY & RELIGION ..... BA  
 PHYSICAL THERAPY  
 JOINT UCSF ..... DPT  
 PHYSICAL THERAPY SCIENCE  
 JOINT UCSF ..... DPTSc  
 PHYSICS ..... BA  
 ▪ Astronomy  
 PHYSICS ..... BS  
 ▪ Astrophysics  
 PHYSICS ..... MS  
 POLITICAL SCIENCE ..... BA/MA  
 PSYCHOLOGY ..... BA  
 PSYCHOLOGY ..... MA  
 ▪ Developmental Psychology  
 ▪ Mind, Brain & Behavior  
 ▪ Social Psychology

PSYCHOLOGY ..... MS  
 ▪ Clinical Psychology  
 ▪ Industrial Psychology  
 ▪ School Psychology

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION ..... MPA  
 PUBLIC HEALTH ..... MPH

## R

RECREATION ..... MS  
 RECREATION, PARKS & TOURISM  
 ADMINISTRATION ..... BS  
 REHABILITATION  
 COUNSELING ..... MS

## S

SOCIAL WORK ..... BA/MSW  
 SOCIOLOGY ..... BA  
 SPANISH ..... BA/MA  
 SPECIAL EDUCATION ..... MA  
 SPECIAL MAJOR ..... BA  
 STATISTICS ..... BS

## T

TECHNICAL &  
 PROFESSIONAL WRITING ..... BA  
 THEATRE ARTS ..... MFA  
 ▪ Design/Technical Production

## U - W

URBAN STUDIES &  
 PLANNING ..... BA  
 VISUAL COMMUNICATION  
 DESIGN ..... BS  
 WOMEN & GENDER  
 STUDIES ..... BA/MA

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