



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*

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TOP 10 MAJORS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

- 1 Business Administration
- 2 Engineering
- 3 Computer Science
- 4 International Relations
- 5 Biology
- 6 Education/TESOL
- 7 Broadcasting & Electronic Communication Arts (BECA)
- 8 Cinema
- 9 Psychology
- 10 Communication Studies

PUT YOUR PASSION INTO ACTION

PASSIONATE FACULTY
SF State professors are passionate leaders in their fields and devoted teachers for their students. Our 1,728 faculty are shaping the conversation in the arts, technology, education, healthcare and science.

ACCOMPLISHED ALUMNI
SF State is a top provider of employees to Bay Area companies like Apple, Google, Facebook and Genentech. Our graduates account for more than 23,000 jobs in San Francisco alone.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE
Founded in 1899 and now part of the California State University system, SF State is accredited by the Accrediting Commission for Senior Colleges and Universities of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC).



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



CAMPUS INFORMATION

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
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
- › Admission letter to academic degree programs
- › TOEFL preparation

Website: ali.sfsu.edu
Email: 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

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: intlgrad@sfsu.edu
Phone: +1.415.405.4005

ADMISSION 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.
- › 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

- › 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

Graduate/Post-Graduate (Master's, Ph.D., Ed.D. 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.
- › 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.

- › 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.



"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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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

LIST OF DEGREE PROGRAMS

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

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