SAN FRANCISCO STATE UNIVERSITY

FRESHMAN STUDENTS
There’s a reason our university’s motto is “Experientia Docet,” or experience teaches.

At San Francisco State University, we believe the best way for a student to learn is to jump in and take action. From your first steps on campus, you’ll be encouraged to speak up, step out and immerse yourself in all the opportunities that a San Francisco State University education can bring.

FUTURE.SFSU.EDU
YOUR UNIQUE PATH

San Francisco State University is committed to helping you discover your unique path in life. We offer 77 degrees. Whatever you choose to study, you will learn from faculty experts who are dedicated to helping you develop your potential.

INNOVATION

Prefer to set trends rather than follow them? You’ve come to the right place. San Francisco State established the first international relations degree in the United States. Our Poetry Center and American Poetry Archives are the first of their kind, as is our College of Ethnic Studies.

LOVE OUR LIBRARY

Our J. Paul Leonard Library is your academic home on campus. With more than 45,000 visits in a typical week, its more than 1.5 million titles offer a massive world of information to explore. Combined with 200 computer workstations, 24-hour study areas and an in-library coffee shop, you’ve got a place that will really support your success as a San Francisco State student.
PASSIONATE PROFESSORS
You’ll never receive more personal, one-on-one attention from your professors than at San Francisco State — they make a big school feel small. They are passionate leaders in their fields who understand not every student learns in the same way. San Francisco State’s 1,799 faculty are shaping the conversation in the arts, culture, technology, business, health care, education and science.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE
At San Francisco State you get credit for community service — in the cosmic sense and on your course transcript. We offer more than 500 courses that combine learning with volunteering in the Bay Area community.

JUMPSTART YOUR CAREER
Interested in jumpstarting your career? San Francisco State offers endless opportunities to explore internships, working with Bay Area professionals. Many of our academic departments offer credit-bearing internship courses, and our Institute for Civic and Community Engagement connects students with meaningful employment opportunities for academic credit.
Located in what is often cited as America’s best city for quality of life, the San Francisco State campus is situated on more than 144 acres in a quiet corner of southwestern San Francisco, just one mile from the Pacific Ocean.

Hop on Muni toward downtown or take the free San Francisco State shuttle to BART (Bay Area Rapid Transit), and you’ve got access to all that San Francisco and the entire Bay Area have to offer.

San Francisco State strikes an ideal balance between easy access to exciting urban life and calm spaces for study and contemplation.

Indulge your inner foodie at the historic Ferry Building.
Experience the largest Chinatown outside of Asia.

Take a hike surrounded by giant redwoods.

See postcard-worthy views of the Golden Gate Bridge.

Hang 10 on the Pacific Ocean, only one mile from campus.

Visit the Castro neighborhood, the global epicenter of LGBTQ life.

Relive the '60s at the corner of Haight and Ashbury Streets.

See the sights from a seat on the city's fabled cable cars.

Take a selfie at the Painted Ladies, one of the most photographed locations in America.
Greek Organizations

13 Sport Clubs

12 Division II Athletic Teams

200 Student Organizations
In fact, sometimes it gets downright noisy. Each weekday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Malcolm X Plaza is at the center of it all. Grab a sandwich or a bubble tea in the Cesar Chavez Student Center and gather with friends to take in the scene — the sights and sounds of a bustling campus where students gather to share their passions through dance, demonstrations and even an occasional protest.

Golden Gate Xpress, the student-run newspaper, is an independent information source for the campus and greater Bay Area.

Student activities include workshops, career fairs, concerts, arts and culture events, spirit days, movie nights and more.

Whatever your interest or preferred sport, there’s a student organization dedicated to it. Among the more than 200 on-campus clubs: the Gospel Gators, Model U.N., the Gaming Guild, the Cinema Collective, Ultimate Frisbee at SFSU and the International Business Society.

For lunch during the academic year, food trucks offer an extra-wide variety of dining options.
GATOR GREATS

From San Francisco State University, our graduates can go anywhere. That’s why San Francisco State was ranked in the top 25 for U.S. universities on Payscale and CollegeNet’s Social Mobility Index. That means we’re among the best at making it affordable for our students to graduate and obtain good paying jobs.

In fact, San Francisco State is consistently one of the top feeder schools for employees at Apple, Kaiser Permanente, Wells Fargo, San Francisco Unified School District, Genentech, Oracle, Google and the City and County of San Francisco. Our alumni are leaders in fields from journalism, creative writing and cinema to technology, science, business, government and education.

Meet more of our notable alumni at GATORGREATS.SFSU.EDU

“SF State was the right fit for me. It was an incredibly welcoming and diverse environment. I felt included.”

– Jose Antonio Vargas (B.A., ’04) Journalist and documentary filmmaker

“I received a terrific education at San Francisco State. I really benefited from all of the energy there that went into supporting the arts.”

– Annette Bening, (B.A., ’80) Four-time Oscar nominee

“Going to San Francisco State was the great stepping stone into my career.”

– Jonas Rivera, (B.A., ’96) Pixar film producer, Oscar winner

“I love being in a cohort of amazing people who are grappling with some of the biggest problems our society faces.”

– Alicia Garza, (M.A., ’17) Activist and writer

“I feel very prepared graduating from San Francisco State. I feel the most confident I’ve felt in my entire life.”


Mourad Lahlou
(B.A., ’93; M.A., ’95)
Michelin star chef and Iron Chef America winner

Jody Vandergriff
(M.S., ’08) Co-founder of digital asset management pioneer WebDAM

Stephen Gillett (M.B.A., ’06)
Former Google team leader and Chipotle board of directors member
SAN FRANCISCO STATE UNIVERSITY AT A GLANCE

FOUNDED 1899

MOTTO
“Experientia Docet” (“Experience Teaches”)

AFFILIATION
San Francisco State is one of 23 campuses of the California State University, the largest four-year system of higher education in the country.

DEGREES
Bachelor’s, post-bachelor’s certificate, master’s, post-master’s certificate, doctoral

SCHOOL COLORS
PURPLE AND GOLD

MASCOT
The Gator (alligator). Selected by students in 1931, it was originally spelled with an “er” — Golden Gaters — a play on words to emphasize San Francisco State’s location.

ENROLLMENT
29,607
Undergraduate 26,561
Graduate: 3,046
Women: 56.8%
Men: 43.2%

UNDERGRADUATE ETHNICITY
White-Non Latino 20.3%
Asian American, Filipino 30.4%
Chicano, Mexican American 25.5%
Latino 11%
African American 5.9%
Two or More Races 6.6%
Pacific Islander .5%
American Indian/Alaska Native .2%

ACADEMIC COLLEGES
Business
Education
Ethnic Studies
Health and Social Sciences
Liberal and Creative Arts
Science and Engineering

ATHLETICS
NCAA Division II, California Collegiate Athletic Association.
Men: baseball, basketball, cross country, soccer and wrestling (Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference).
Women: basketball, cross country, soccer, softball, track and field (indoor and outdoor) and volleyball.

MOST POPULAR MAJORS

1 BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
2 ENGINEERING
3 COMPUTER SCIENCE
4 BIOLOGY
5 COMMUNICATION STUDIES
6 CINEMA
7 CRIMINAL JUSTICE STUDIES
8 PSYCHOLOGY
9 ENGLISH
10 (TIE) BROADCAST AND ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION ARTS (BECA)
POLITICAL SCIENCE
At San Francisco State University, we are committed to helping every student succeed. That’s why we have a variety of programs designed to support students from diverse backgrounds.

Whether you’re an undocumented dreamer, the first in your family to go to college, someone who needs financial assistance, someone who was formerly incarcerated, or just someone who needs a little extra academic support to graduate in a timely manner, we have a program for you.

DISABILITY RESOURCES
San Francisco State works with students with disabilities to ensure all aspects of life on campus are accessible. Students who need reasonable accommodations should contact the Disability Resource Center at access.sfsu.edu.

DREAM RESOURCE CENTER
The Dream Resource Center provides support to incoming, AB540 and/or undocumented students, as well as students from mixed-status families. Some of the services the Dream Resource Center offers include legal referrals, scholarship opportunities and financial literacy support, career development, AB 540 residency support, Dream Aid assistance, information about housing and food insecurity resources, educational workshops and community outreach. For more information, visit undocugators.sfsu.edu.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM
The Educational Opportunity Program supports low-income, first-generation college students. EOP students receive ongoing advising, tutoring and workshops to help them succeed in their coursework and graduate. To apply to EOP, complete the EOP supplemental questions on the Cal State Apply application. To learn more, visit eop.sfsu.edu.

SUMMER BRIDGE
A non-residential academic program that assists the transition from high school to university.
THE CAMPUS ACADEMIC RESOURCE PROGRAM (CARP)
A free, student-run tutoring center at San Francisco State University, CARP supports all San Francisco State undergraduate students, with an emphasis on first-generation and underrepresented students. CARP offers support in math, science and business courses as well as writing, reading and study skills across all disciplines. Visit carp.sfsu.edu for more information.

CAREER SERVICE & LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT
Career Services & Leadership Development (CSLD) equips the diverse San Francisco State student and alumni population with modern resources that assist, guide, and foster their leadership, professional and career advancement. Through advances in technology and with staff ready to go the extra mile, CSLD provides students with tools to take initiative and excel in their future endeavors. For more information visit csld.sfsu.edu.

PROJECT REBOUND
Project Rebound is a special admissions program assisting formerly incarcerated individuals who might not normally qualify for university acceptance because of application deadlines and minor academic deficiencies. This program is supported by the Associated Students and several departments at San Francisco State. For more information, visit asi.sfsu.edu/programs/project-rebound.

SCHOLARSHIPS & FINANCIAL AID
San Francisco State University offers several forms of public and private financial aid including scholarships, fellowships, grants, work-study programs and loans. Students may be eligible for need-based grants or one of hundreds of scholarships made possible by generous donations from alumni and friends of the University.

ASSOCIATED STUDENT PROJECT CONNECT
San Francisco State’s Associated Students has an inventory of books for students to borrow at no cost. Financial aid recipients or students with AB540 status and enrolled in at least 6 units may borrow up to two books per semester. For further information about Project Connect, visit asi.sfsu.edu/asprograms/project-connect.

METRO ACADEMIES COLLEGE SUCCESS PROGRAM
The Metro Academies College Success Program (Metro) was developed to support the next generation of leaders in urban communities. Each Metro Academy is a “school within a school” to give students an educational home in the first two years of college. Metro provides personalized support for college success through in-class academic support and tutoring. At the core of Metro is a learning community made up of two linked courses each semester, pairing a general education course and a Metro course. In Metro, students will build a solid foundation for college success and meaningful work in a variety of careers. To apply, visit metro.sfsu.edu.

CALIFORNIA PROMISE
The California Promise program provides access to specialized advising and guaranteed course availability for students who maintain eligibility and are committed to graduating in a two-year time frame. Eligible transfer students are invited to take the California Promise pledge early in the first semester. For more information about eligibility and participation, visit ueap.sfsu.edu/california-promise-program.

DIVISION OF EQUITY & COMMUNITY INCLUSION
The Division was launched in August 2017 to advance the diversity, equity, social justice and inclusive excellence for students at San Francisco State. It’s comprised of a variety of identity-based centers and services for communities on campus, including Asian American & Pacific Islander Student Services, the Black Unity Center, the Dream Resource Center, and the Office of Diversity & Student Equity. These centers and offices exist to advance positive systemic, cultural, policy and institutional change. The ultimate goal of the Division is to promote a living and working environment where all have equitable opportunities to learn, thrive, succeed and fully pursue educational and professional goals.
APPLYING AS A FRESHMAN

You are eligible if you:
- Graduate from high school (diploma or GED).
- Complete the required college preparatory courses (requirements A-G) with a grade of C- or better. (Table 3)
- Submit SAT or ACT scores (completed no later than Dec.) and meet or exceed the CSU Eligibility Index. (Tables 1 and 2)

ELIGIBILITY INDEX:

Resident or Graduate of High Schools in California
ACT or SAT score required for regular admission by grade point average (GPA). A grade point average of 3.0 and above qualifies with any score. A grade point average below 2.0 does not qualify for regular admission.

Non-Resident or Graduate of High Schools Outside of California
ACT or SAT score required for regular admission by grade point average (GPA). A grade point average of 3.61 and above qualifies with any score. A grade point average below 2.47 does not qualify for regular admission.

A-G REQUIREMENTS

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<td>History &amp; Social Science (including one year of U.S. history and one semester of civics or American government and one year of social science)</td>
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<td>B</td>
<td>English</td>
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<td>C</td>
<td>Math (algebra, geometry, intermediate algebra or higher)</td>
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<td>D</td>
<td>Laboratory Science (one physical and one biological)</td>
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<td>Language other than English (same language)</td>
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<td>Visual &amp; Performing Arts</td>
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<td>G</td>
<td>College preparatory elective (chosen from the school’s A-G course list)</td>
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Table 3: College preparatory courses, requirements A-G

RECEIVING COLLEGE CREDIT

Baccalaureate level courses taken in high school may be awarded transfer credit unless the college or university transcript designates that the courses were used solely to meet high school graduation requirements.
ACADEMIC READINESS

In order to increase education equity and improve student success, the CSUs are now using multiple measures (test scores, GPAs and senior-year coursework) to guide student placement into first-year math and English courses. Students can find out which of the four pathways they are in for English and math by accessing the Holds and Alerts section of their student center. Pathway information may change after students’ final transcripts are processed by admissions, so it’s important to check the student center regularly. More information can be found at developmentalstudies.sfsu.edu.

DID YOU KNOW?
The last test date for SAT is Dec. 1, 2018, (registration deadline is Nov. 2, 2018) and Dec. 9, 2018, (registration deadline Nov. 3, 2018) in order for us to receive the test scores in Oct. 2019 (deadline TBD) for the Spring 2019 application.

AFTER YOU APPLY

You will receive confirmation of your application with your assigned San Francisco State Student ID Number via email within approximately 10 business days of submission.

San Francisco State will communicate admissions decisions, deadlines and other important information via email. Check your application status online at gateway.sfsu.edu, and remember to check your email often for important admissions messages from San Francisco State.

ACCEPTING YOUR ADMISSION OFFER

Students may accept their fall admission offer in the spring, through May 1, prior to the fall semester. Letters of admission will provide instructions on how to accept admission offers.

UNDERGRADUATE TUITION FEES

PER-SEMESTER

California residents:
1-6 Unit: $2,426
6.1 or more Units $3,632

Non-California residents:
add $396 per unit to fees listed above.

Note: All fees are subject to change without advance notice by the Trustees of the CSU system. Current fees are listed at bursar.sfsu.edu/students_services.

FINANCIAL AID & SCHOLARSHIPS

You may be eligible for several different types of financial aid. To apply, fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or the CA Dream Act before Mar. 2. This deadline also applies to students entering in spring.

FAFSA: fafsa.ed.gov
SF State FAFSA CODE: 001154

Those not eligible for FAFSA who meet the AB 540 criteria may qualify for the CA Dream Act.

CA Dream Act Application: dream.csac.ca.gov
SF State CA Dream Act CODE: 00115400

For more information on financial aid, visit financialaid.sfsu.edu.

HOUSING

San Francisco State Housing is limited and in high demand. Housing spaces are assigned first-come first-served based on the date the completed application is received. The application priority period for Fall housing is March 1-31. The application closes on May 15. Detailed information is available at housing.sfsu.edu.

2019 - 2020 ESTIMATED BUDGET UNDERGRADUATE FULL-TIME ATTENDANCE*

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* two semesters, tuition fees not included
San Francisco State offers 77 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 & Merchandising
- Applied Mathematics
- Art
  - Art History
  - Art History and Studio Art
  - Studio Art
- Asian American Studies
- Biochemistry*
- Biology
- Biology w/concentration
  - Botany*
  - Cell & Molecular*
  - Ecology*
  - Marine & Limnology*
  - Microbiology*
  - Physiology*
  - Zoology*
- Broadcast and Electronic Communication Arts (BECa)
- Business Administration
  - Accounting*
  - Decision Sciences
  - Finance
  - General
  - Information Systems
  - International Business
  - Management
  - Marketing
- Business Analytics
- Chemistry*
- Child & Adolescent Development
  - Early Childhood
  - School Age Child & Family
  - Youth Work & Out of School Time
- Chinese
  - Flagship Chinese Language
  - Language
  - Literature & Linguistics
- Cinema
- Classics
- Communication Studies
- Communicative Disorders
- Comparative & World Literature
- Computer Science
- Criminal Justice Studies
- Dance
- Drama
- Earth Sciences
- Economics
- Engineering
  - Civil
  - Computer
  - Electrical
  - Mechanical
- English
  - Creative Writing
  - English Education
  - Individual Major
  - Linguistics
  - Literature
- Environmental Sciences
- Environmental Studies*
- Natural Resource Management & Conservation
- Family & Consumer Sciences
- French
- Geography
- German
- Health Education*
- History
  - Honors Program
- Hospitality & Tourism Management
- Humanities
- Industrial Design
  - Product Design & Development*
- Interior Design
- International Relations
- Italian
- Japanese
- Journalism
  - Photojournalism
  - Print & Online Journalism
- Kinesiology
  - Exercise & Movement Sciences*
  - Physical Education*
- Labor & Employment Studies
- Latina/Latino Studies
- Liberal Studies
- Mathematics Studies
  - Advanced Studies
  - Liberal Arts
  - Teaching
- Music
- Nursing*
- Nutrition & Dietetics
- Science
- Food & Community Nutrition
- Philosophy
- Philosophy & Religion
- Physics
  - Astronomy
  - Astrophysics
  - Physics for Teaching
- Political Science
- Psychology*
- Recreation, Parks & Tourism Administration
- Social Work*
- Sociology*
- Spanish
- Special Major
- Statistics
- Technical & Professional Writing
- Urban Studies & Planning
- Visual Communication Design*
- Women & Gender Studies

* Indicates a highly competitive admission process, also known as impacted. Learn more at admissions.sfsu.edu/impaction.