

Self-Guided Campus Tour

Welcome to San Francisco State University. Questions about this tour? Visit Student Outreach Services (SSB 106) or the Cesar Chavez Student Center Information Desk (13).

1. Student Services

Home of the One Stop Student Services Center (“One Stop”). Here you can clarify the status of your admissions or financial aid applications, order transcripts, and more. In this building you’ll find advising assistance, Bursar/Cashier Services, Psychological Services, Career Center, College of Extended Learning, Disability Programs and Resource Center, Educational Opportunity Program (EOP), One Card services, Registrar, Student Outreach Services, Testing Services, LEAD (Leadership, Engagement, Action, Development), Veterans Services, Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students.

2. Burk Hall

This building houses the Graduate College of Education and its departments of Administration and Inter-disciplinary Studies, Counseling, Elementary and Secondary Education, Instructional Technologies and Special Education, as well as the Teacher Preparation Center and Credential Program Admissions office. Burk Hall also houses the departments of Nursing, Consumer and Family Studies/Dietetics, Liberal Studies, Center for Teaching and Faculty Development, as well as Academic Technology’s Faculty Service Desk. The student-run Vista Room restaurant is on the fourth floor.

3. Student Health Center

This medical clinic offers outpatient care for illness and injury, lab tests and X-rays, family planning, personal counseling, and more. The student health fee covers most services.

4. Ethnic Studies and Psychology

This is home of the College of Ethnic Studies, which includes Africana Studies, American Indian Studies, Asian American Studies, and Latino/Latina Studies. The Psychology department is on the third floor.

5. Gymnasium Complex

Physical Therapy, Athletics and the Kinesiology departments are located here. The complex features two gyms, an indoor pool, weight room and dance studios, as well as areas for open recreation, intramural and club sports competitions. Basketball, wrestling and volleyball athletes use

the main gym; soccer and track & field teams compete in the 6,500-seat Cox Stadium.

6. Thornton Hall

This is home to the College of Science and Engineering and its departments of Physics and Astronomy, Chemistry and Biochemistry, Computer Science, Geosciences, and Mathematics. Check out the fourth-floor planetarium and roof observatory.

7. Hensill Hall

The Biology Department and many of its programs and services are here. This also is the site of our renowned Conservation Genetics Laboratory, a training and research site for comparative DNA analysis.

8. Science

This is home to the School of Engineering and the departments of Accounting, Anthropology, Child and Adolescent Development, Finance, History and Marketing. The Treganza Anthropology Museum, Center for Biomedical Laboratory Science, Marian Wright Edelman Institute for the Study of Children, Youth and Families, and the California Studies Program are also here.

9. HSS

This building houses Criminal Justice Studies, Economics, Geography & Environmental Studies, International Relations, Labor Studies, Public Administration, Political Science, Sociology, and Urban Studies. The College of Health & Human Services and its departments of Health Education, Recreation, Parks and Tourism and Social Work are also here. Services include the Community Access and Retention Program, Intensive Learning Program, and Learning Assistance Center.

10. Business

This is the home of our College of Business, accredited by AACSB International. More students choose business administration as their major than any other on campus, and they have access to a variety of services, such as a student lounge, computer lab and student services center.

11. Administration

Many administrative and business offices as well as some student and academic services are here. They include New Student Academic Advising Center, Bursar/Cashier, Division of Information Technology, Graduate Studies, Human Resources, President’s Office, Undergraduate

Studies, Vice President for Administration and Finance, Vice President for Academic Affairs/Provost and Vice President for Advancement.

12. J. Paul Leonard Library

Scheduled to be completed Spring 2012, this building will be a state-of-the-art teaching and learning center, and improved home of the J. Paul Leonard Library and its special collections, the Sutro Library, Academic Technology and the Center for Teaching and Faculty Development. The fully accessible, renovated facility will provide expanded study and computing space for users, growth space for collections, access to new technologies, and an improved environment for work and study. The Library offers access to about four million items, including 665,000 books and bound periodicals. Users also have virtual access to one of the largest collections of electronic resources in the CSU system; research databases alone exceed 125. For more information visit www.sfsu.edu/newlibrary

13. Cesar Chavez Student Center

Named in honor of the late labor leader, this building—known for its tilted rooftop pyramids—houses the SF State Bookstore, restaurants, lounges, a multicultural center, pub, student art gallery and ATMs. This is also home to the Associated Students government and student organizations. The Information Desk is inside the entrance closest to the Quad.

14. Garden of Remembrance

The Garden of Remembrance honors Japanese Americans—among them 19 SF State students—interned during World War II. The ten rocks represent the ten U.S. internment camps, while the waterfall and flowers symbolize the internees’ return to their homes.

15. Fine Arts

The Art, Cinema and Design & Industry departments are located here, as well as the August Coppola Theatre, a 150-seat film screening room. Other facilities include a 2,500-square-foot cinema sound stage; state-of-the-art sound recording and mixing stages; digital cinema post-production facilities; and a 3Space Lab for 3D animation, product modeling, and Web3D. A separate wing features ceramic studios, a sculpture yard, and wood, metal, and plastic shops. During exhibits, visit the Fine Arts Gallery on the second floor.

16. Creative Arts

This is home to the departments of Broadcast & Electronic Communication Arts (BECA), Theatre Arts, and Music & Dance. BECA students produce programming here for Comcast Cable Channel 27, SF TV stations and KSFS radio, using

one of Northern California’s largest radio and TV production facilities and state-of-the-art audio and video post-production labs. Theatre, music and dance performances are held in McKenna Theatre, Knuth Hall, Studio Theatre, Little Theatre, and Brown Bag Theatre.

17. Humanities

This building houses the College of Arts & Humanities and its departments of Classics, Communication Studies, Creative Writing, English, Foreign Languages, Humanities, Jewish Studies, Journalism, Philosophy, Technical & Professional Writing, Women Studies, and World & Comparative Literature. Visit the Poetry Center, American Poetry Archives, American Language Institute and the Sutro Egyptian Collection, all on the fifth floor. The Community Involvement Center is also located here.

18. Village at Centennial Square

This student apartment complex features fully furnished, two- and three-bedroom apartments for 760 students.

19. Residence Halls

Two residence halls—Mary Ward and Mary Park—provide housing for 850 first-year freshmen under the age of 20. Meals are served in the Dining Center, across from Mary Ward Hall. Detailed housing information may be picked up at the University Housing Office.

20. The Towers at Centennial Square

These one- and two-bedroom furnished apartments provide living space for 600 full-time students under 22, participating in a Residential Learning Community (e.g. FASTrack). The Science and Technology Theme Community, part of the Towers, provides 100 spaces for full-time freshmen students majoring in science and technology fields.

Note: The facilities on this tour are generally accessible for persons with disabilities. Some buildings have areas that merit special consideration for wheelchair users. For more information on accessible pathways, power-door entrances, building elevators, accessible restrooms, and limited-access facilities, consult SF State’s online campus map sfsu.edu/~sfsuamap or pick up a campus access guide and map brochure in the lobby of the Student Services building.



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