

# San Francisco State University

A Guide for International Students



## Highest Paid

According to USA Today, our Graduate College of Education grads are the highest paid in the country

# 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.

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Top  
20

Niche.com ranks SF State among the top 20 colleges for best location

First

and only College of Ethnic Studies in the U.S.

Pioneer

in the discovery of planets outside our solar system, locating 500+ to date

Top  
25

for film schools in the U.S.  
—Hollywood Reporter

SF State alumni have won

21  
Pulitzers

16  
Oscars

49  
Emmys

10  
Grammys

12  
Tonys





“Being a graduate research assistant at SF State, I got tons of guidance and resources for my research, which made my master’s journey exciting.”

Mayuresh Bhanuvanshe  
India

# Discover

## Top Majors

for International Students

Business Administration

Engineering

Computer Science

Biology

International Relations

Broadcasting & Electronic Communication Arts (BECA)

Education/ TESOL

Cinema

Psychology

Communication Studies



“I am so lucky to study here at SF State, and it is truly a unique and diverse school which helped me to grow as a person and further my career.”

Cho Mie Mie Pyone  
Burma



“The Business program at SF State offered me courses like managing enterprise data and building business applications that are helping me at my job at Google.”

Tinh Tang  
Vietnam



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Downtown Campus

Main Campus



# 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.

☐ Grades/marks/scores should be a minimum 2.5 (B-) grade point average (GPA) in the 4.0 grading scale for admission purposes; 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 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.

☐ 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. For more information: [future.sfsu.edu/impaction](http://future.sfsu.edu/impaction)

## 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.

☐ 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 6.5 or PTE 55; 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/content/apply](http://grad.sfsu.edu/content/apply)

### APPLY ONLINE AT [CALSTATE.EDU/APPLY](http://CALSTATE.EDU/APPLY)

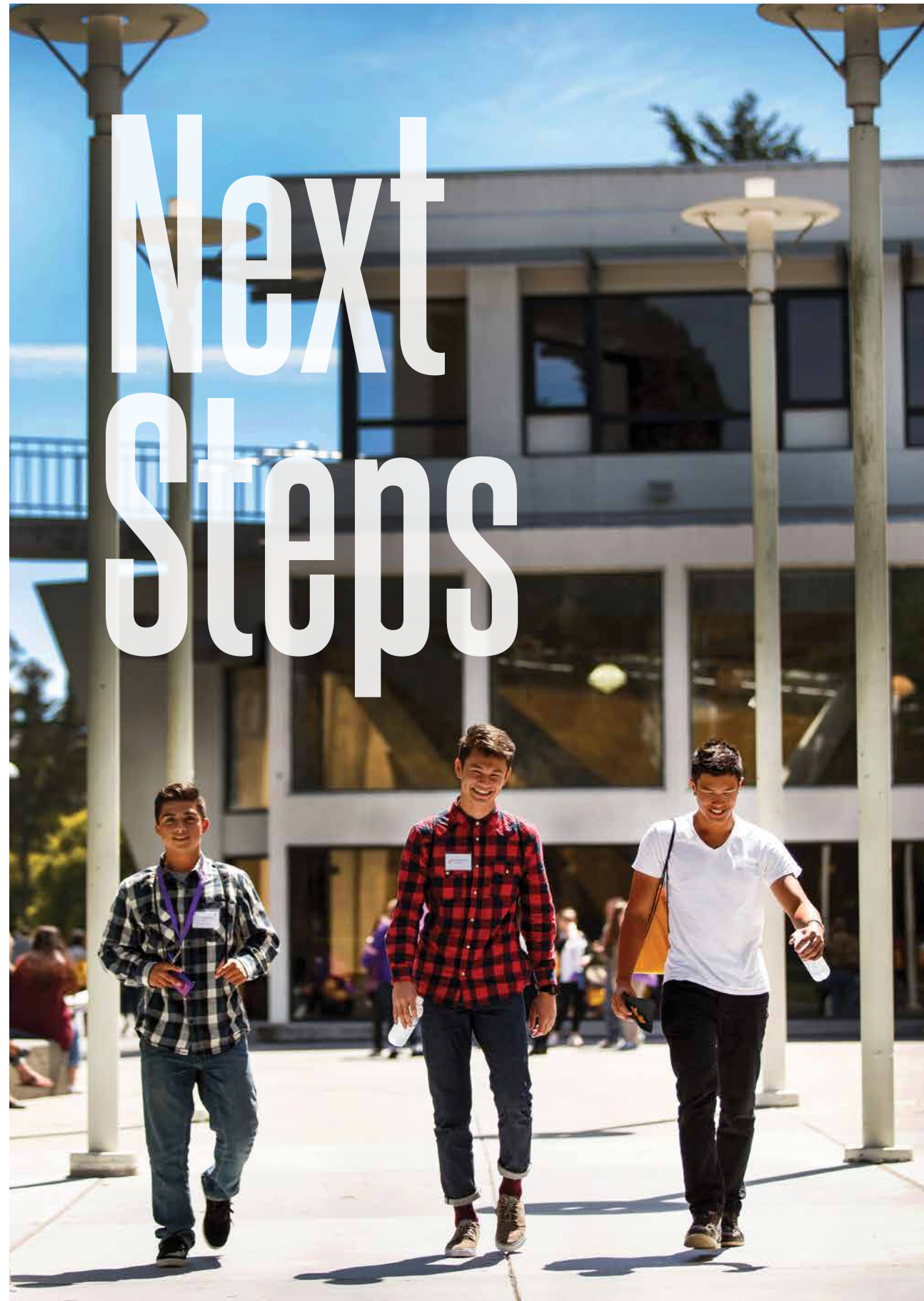
Upload into the Cal State Apply application unofficial copies of transcripts from all institutions attended. Include a certified English translation if your document is not in English. If you are admitted to SF State, an official copy of your transcript will be required at a later date. Application fee is \$70.

### SUBMIT FINANCIAL AFFIDAVIT

showing tuition/fees and cost of living for one year (subject to change)

Cost of living	\$25,032
Undergraduate tuition/fees for one academic year	\$16,944
Graduate tuition/fees for one academic year	\$15,210
MBA/MSA/MSBA tuition/fees for one academic year	\$21,930
MPA tuition/fees for one academic year	\$16,910

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# 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 international student. Our advisors are multilingual and sensitive to your needs.

Web: [oip.sfsu.edu](http://oip.sfsu.edu)

Email: [oip@sfsu.edu](mailto: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 programs

▪ TOEFL preparation

Web: [ali.sfsu.edu](http://ali.sfsu.edu)

Email: [celglobal@sfsu.edu](mailto: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](http://sfstategators.com)

## HOUSING

Housing application period begins March 1 for the fall semester.

Web: [housing.sfsu.edu](http://housing.sfsu.edu)

Email: [housing@sfsu.edu](mailto: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](http://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](http://future.sfsu.edu/apply/international)

Email: [ugintl@sfsu.edu](mailto:ugintl@sfsu.edu)

Phone: +1.415.338.2382

## INTERNATIONAL GRADUATE ADMISSIONS

Web: [grad.sfsu.edu](http://grad.sfsu.edu)

Email: [gradstudies@sfsu.edu](mailto:gradstudies@sfsu.edu)

Phone: +1.415.405.4005

# List of Degree Programs

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

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