

**SAN FRANCISCO STATE UNIVERSITY**

**ADMISSION**

**GUIDE**



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At San Francisco State University, we believe the best way for a student to learn is to jump in and take action. The moment you become a Gator, you'll be encouraged to speak up, step out and immerse yourself in all the opportunities that a San Francisco State education can bring.

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Alumni have won

21 ☆ 52 ☆ 16 ☆ 10 ☆ 12  
Pulitzers Emmys Oscars Grammys Tonys

**Top 10**  
for film schools  
in the U.S.  
—Videomaker

University HQ  
ranks SF State

**#2**  
for most affordable  
college in California

**Degrees**

Bachelor's  
Post-Bachelor's Certificate  
Master's  
Post-Master's Certificate  
Doctoral

Top performer on  
**Social  
Mobility**  
— U.S. News & World  
Report

Named a  
**Best Value**  
College by Money



# WHY SF STATE?

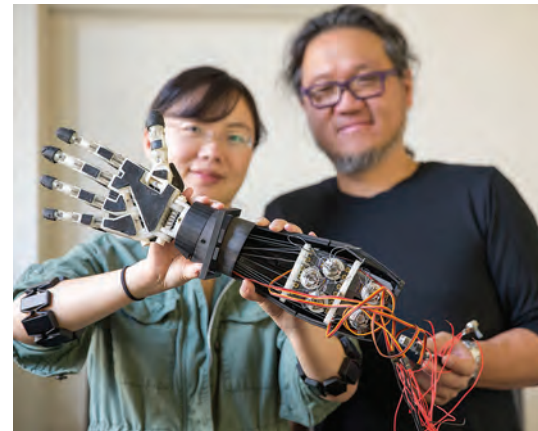


## You will find your community and your place here.

San Francisco State is touted as one of the most diverse large universities in the nation, and our students come from a variety of backgrounds, identities, locations and interests.

From SF State, our graduates can go anywhere. In fact, SF 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.



## SF State is committed to helping you discover your unique path in life.

We offer 77 undergraduate degrees and 29 accelerated pathways to a master's degree. Whatever you choose to study, you will learn from faculty experts who are dedicated to helping you develop your potential.

### Passionate professors

You'll never receive more personal, one-on-one attention from your professors than at SF 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. The University's 1,995 faculty are shaping the conversation in the arts, culture, technology, business, health care, education and science.



*When I was checking out SF State, I just felt like this was the university where I should go. Just a gut feeling, but I went with it. This campus is so diverse that I feel like I belong here, my home away from home.*

—Rashid Abdul Rahman, Dubai, Finance



### 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.

### Make a difference

At SF 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? SF 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.





# SF STATE

# AT A GLANCE

## Top Majors

- Biology
- Computer Science
- Psychology
- Business Administration —Marketing
- Cinema
- Criminal Justice Studies
- Family/Consumer Sciences
- Child and Adolescent Development
- Communication Studies
- Business Administration

## Top 25

of U.S. universities making college affordable for students to graduate and obtain good-paying jobs  
—CollegeNET’s Social Mobility Index

Enrollment  
**26,620**

Undergraduate: 23,311  
Graduate: 3,309  
Women: 56%  
Men: 43%  
Non-Binary: 0.002%

## Financial Aid

**62%**

SF State Students receive grants or scholarships

**71%**

Students receive financial aid

Among the  
**Top 25**  
most diverse universities  
—USA Today

## Ethnicity

Asian .....	27%
Hispanic .....	37%
White Non-Latinx .....	18%
Black .....	6%
Unknown .....	7%
Two or More Races.....	5%
Pacific Islander.....	0.6%
American Indian.....	0.2%

## 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





# THE GOLDEN CITY

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 southwestern San Francisco, just one mile from the Pacific Ocean.

Renowned for its vibrant arts, history and cuisine, the Bay Area is also a hub of international commerce. You'll find some of the nation's most famous and flourishing companies there, including Twitter, Pixar, Facebook and Salesforce.

And the city is celebrated for something else, too: a culture that's known all over the world for its rebelliousness and forward-thinking. Whether you're looking at business, the creative arts or social justice, San Francisco is always at the forefront of innovation and change.

## Hike

the rocky and windswept coastline at Land's End and the famous Sutro Baths.

## See

postcard-worthy views of the Golden Gate Bridge.

## Experience

old-school taquerias, beautiful beaches and architecture, vibrant street murals and Dolores Park in the exuberant Mission District.

## Selfie

at the Painted Ladies, one of the most photographed locations in America.

Visit the Castro, global epicenter of  
**LGBTQ+**  
life.

## Relive

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





## College isn't all about academics.

Whatever you're interested in, there's a University organization dedicated to it. Build your community among the more than 200 student groups, including the Gospel Gators, Model U.N., the Gaming Guild, the Cinema Collective, the International Business Society and many more.

Official student activities include workshops, career fairs, concerts, arts and culture events, spirit days and movie nights. And then there are all the amazing things your fellow students will be doing. Every year, you'll meet new Gator artists, musicians, entrepreneurs and activists, all of them sharing their passion with the community and their fellow students.

There's always something happening at SF State.

More than **200**  
student organizations

**#9** in the nation  
for intramural sports  
—Best Colleges

**49**  
Greek  
organizations



## The Golden Gators

San Francisco State has a vibrant and competitive athletics program. The Gators are a member of NCAA Division II and compete in the California Collegiate Athletic Association, with men's wrestling competing in the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference.

The Gators also excel in the classroom, with 109 Gator student athletes named to the most recent CCAA All-Academic list.

## Mashouf Wellness Center

This exciting state-of-the-art 118,700-square-foot facility offers recreation and wellness programs and activities for the SF State campus community.



### Women

Basketball • Cross Country  
Soccer • Softball  
Track and Field  
Volleyball

### Men

Baseball • Basketball  
Cross Country • Soccer  
Track and Field  
Wrestling

# SPORTS & LEISURE





# FIRST TIME



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Online

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# FRESHMEN



## APPLY ONLINE

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### Application Fee

\$70. Low-income California residents may receive a fee waiver.

## ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Graduate from high school or GED equivalent
- Complete the required college preparatory courses (requirements A-G) with a grade of C- or better
- California resident or California high school graduate: 2.5 GPA or better
- Non-California resident: 3.0 GPA or better

Review our admissions website [future.sfsu.edu/admissions/freshmen](https://future.sfsu.edu/admissions/freshmen) for more detailed requirements.

## ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAMINATION

Students may earn up to six semester units of baccalaureate credit for each Advanced Placement (AP) examination of the College Entrance Examination Board in which the applicant receives a score of 3, 4 or 5.

**International Baccalaureate (IB)** courses designated as honors courses on the UC “A-G” list are awarded extra grade points for computation of the high school GPA. Students may earn up to six semester units of credit for each examination in which the applicant received a score of four or higher.

Students may earn units of baccalaureate credit for College Level Entrance Program (CLEP) examinations which may be applied toward the degree and/or admission eligibility.

## 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.

## FIRST-YEAR STUDENT RESOURCES

### Metro College Success Program

The Metro College Success Program (Metro) is a support community helping historically underserved students succeed at San Francisco State. Support services include coordinators, advisors, an academic resource center and tutors. First-year students at SF State can apply at [metro.sfsu.edu](https://metro.sfsu.edu) or email [metro@sfsu.edu](mailto:metro@sfsu.edu) with any questions.

### University Advising Center

The University Advising Center is a one-stop-shop for advising needs for first-semester students. Drop-in and scheduled appointments are available.

### Educational Opportunity and Pathway Programs (EOPP)

Supports low-income, first-generation college students by providing ongoing advising, tutoring and workshops to help them succeed in their coursework and graduate. To apply, complete the EOP supplemental questions on the Cal State Apply application.

### First-Year Experience

In their transition to university life, first-year students bring with them a foundation of rich personal identities and experiences. SF State partners with students to build on those assets, creating an excellent foundation for future learning. Visit [ueap.sfsu.edu/fye](https://ueap.sfsu.edu/fye) to learn more.





CHOOSE YOUR OWN PATH

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Online

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COLLEGE TRANSFERS



#### APPLY ONLINE

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#### Application Fee

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#### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- 2.0 GPA of all college transferable courses
- Be in good standing at last college or university attended
- To apply as a Lower Division Transfer, have less than 60 semester (90 quarter) transferable units
- To apply as an Upper Division Transfer have 60 or more semester (90 or more quarter) transferable units

Review our admissions website

[future.sfsu.edu/admissions/transfers](https://future.sfsu.edu/admissions/transfers) for more detailed requirements.

#### GENERAL EDUCATION (GE)

Upper division transfer students must have completed at least 30 semester units (45 quarter units) of GE courses. The subjects listed must be completed with at least a C- or better.

- **Oral Communication:** Public speaking course.
- **Written Communication:** Freshman English composition course.
- **Critical Thinking:** Logic or critical thinking course.
- **Quantitative Reasoning:** Course that requires computational skills, mathematical or quantitative reasoning concepts to solve problems.

#### GRADE POINT AVERAGE (GPA)

A student must have a minimum overall GPA of 2.0. Applicants applying for an impacted major are offered admission based on overall space availability and may be held to a higher GPA standard.

#### TRANSFER STUDENT RESOURCES

Students who earn an **Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT)** will receive admission to a CSU campus with junior status. Visit [ueap.sfsu.edu/ADT-pathways-roadmaps](https://ueap.sfsu.edu/ADT-pathways-roadmaps) for approved roadmaps. An ADT may also provide a GPA advantage when applying to an impacted major deemed similar.

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](https://ueap.sfsu.edu/California-promise-program).

#### Assist.org

Students can go to this site to verify transferable coursework and prerequisites for their intended major from a California community college to SF State.

#### Educational Opportunity and Pathway Programs (EOPP)

Supports low-income, first-generation college students by providing ongoing advising, tutoring and workshops to help them succeed in their coursework and graduate. In addition, the **Summer and Winter Bridge program** helps students build community and smoothly transition into the University. To apply, complete the EOP supplemental questions on the Cal State Apply application.





### **Undergraduate Admissions and Recruitment**

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