

INTERNATIONAL GRADUATE ADMISSION INFORMATION



Graduate Degrees at SF State are offered to international students which gives them the opportunities to earn master’s and doctoral degrees in a wide array of academic areas, including business, education, ethnic studies, health and social services and liberal and creative arts.

SAN FRANCISCO STATE UNIVERSITY FACTS

- Located in San Francisco, the world’s center of business, technology, and entrepreneurship
- Safe and convenient city location with easy public transportation from campus to other San Francisco neighborhoods and surrounding area
- SF State offers 115 undergraduate, 104 graduate, and 41 certificate programs
- Named one of the “Best Colleges that Add Value”
- One of the “Best 294 Graduate Business Schools”
- One of the best programs in Digital Media, Radio & TV & Cinema

TUITION/FEES AND COST OF LIVING*

- \$15,028 for one academic year of study. (International students are required to enroll at SF State as a full-time student, this means at least 8 units per semester.)
- Living expenses are \$22,020 for one academic year
- Estimated total cost for one academic year of study and living expenses: \$37,048

29,045
Total Student
Population

1,600
International
Students

100
Student Home
Countries

TOP 25
Film School¹

#3
Ranking for
Campus
Diversity²

#6
Best Green
MBA³

¹ Hollywood Reporter 2017 | ² Wall Street Journal/Times Higher Education report | ³ Princeton Review 2017

*Estimated costs presented. Actual costs may vary.



ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR INTERNATIONAL GRADUATE STUDENTS

- Complete the equivalent of a U.S. 4-year bachelor's degree from an accredited institution
- Minimum GPA 3.0 on the final 60 units of university coursework
- Minimum TOEFL iBT score of 80 or IELTS score of 7.0 (some majors may require a higher score)
- Conditional eligibility is available through SF State's intensive English language program, American Language Institute (cel.sfsu.edu/international/ali) for students who do not meet English proficiency requirement
- A certified English translation must accompany the official transcripts/diplomas/exam certificates in the original language of the issued schools
- GRE or GMAT, personal essay, a letter of recommendation and a resume are required for most majors
- Admission requirements vary for the different majors. Check the Graduate Division website for admission requirements – grad.sfsu.edu/content/international-students
- Submit an SF State application online at Cal State Apply (calstate.edu/apply) along with a department application (if needed) and required documents to the Graduate Admission office
- Financial statement showing at least \$37,048 (\$15,028 for one year of tuition, plus \$22,020 for living expenses)
- Submit an SF State application online at Cal State Apply (calstate.edu/apply) along with required documents and \$55 application fee to the SF State Graduate Admission office

GRADUATE APPLICATION FILING PERIODS

Fall Semester (which begins in August)
October 1 (deadline varies with the academic major)

Spring Semester (which begins in January)
Apply begins August 1

Not all majors accept spring admission. Please check Graduate Admission's website (grad.sfsu.edu/program-deadline-domestic) for majors that are open for Spring.



SF STATE CAMPUSES

The Main Campus is located in a quiet and safe neighborhood near the Pacific Ocean.

The Downtown Campus is located in the heart of the business district, near; social media companies, including Twitter, Pinterest and Yelp; and new economy companies, including Airbnb and Uber.

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