San Francisco State University
Summer in San Francisco
The SF State campus viewed from above. The campus covers 142 acres on the western edge of San Francisco.
Summer in San Francisco
the only complete university summer experience in San Francisco*

Experience the City
Spend your summer immersed in the culture of one of the most diverse and exciting cities in the world! Enjoy everything San Francisco and the Bay Area have to offer, including planned trips, social activities, and visits to high-tech companies!

Earn University Credit
Take two university courses (six credits) at San Francisco State University (SF State). After successful completion of the program, you will be eligible to receive an official SF State transcript. You may be able to transfer the credits back home or to other universities around the world.

Be Part of SF State
Be part of the American university experience while you live on-campus in a student apartment. On-campus housing has everything you need, including social activities, wifi, shared common space, and a meal plan. Immerse yourself in campus culture and make lifelong friends!

* Includes tuition for six academic credits (or Intensive English), health insurance, social activities, guided tours, and career development events.
Welcome to SF State

Located in San Francisco, birthplace of the United Nations and home to one of the most multicultural populations in the world, SF State’s main campus is in a quiet and safe neighborhood with easy public transportation to all parts of the city and beyond. SF State’s downtown campus is in the center of San Francisco’s vibrant business world.

Rankings and Distinctions

• In 2012-13, SF State was among the top 20 master’s-level institutions for the number of faculty and staff who earned Fulbright scholarships, according to the Chronicle of Higher Education.

• Recognized by the Aspen Institute as one of the world’s top business schools integrating social and environmental issues into its curriculum, SF State was the first California State University to offer an MBA with an emphasis in sustainability accredited by the Association for the Advancement of Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB).

• SF State was the first university to offer a degree in International Relations and the program remains among the top 15 nationwide.

• The Center for Computing in Life Sciences conducts leading-edge research in such areas as bioinformatics, data modeling and computational drug discovery by integrating life sciences, computational science and mathematics.

• The Design Center for Global Needs is the research and development component in the Department of Design and Industry (DAI) of the University.
Students relax on the main quad lawn. About 1,500 international students from more than 100 countries study at SF State.
What Our Students Have to Say...

“The professors at SF State are very knowledgeable and push you to perform. Their industry exposure of over 15-20 years is very valuable. They know the industry trends and how things work. My professors have experience working at Google and IBM.”

- Achint V., India

“You might go through many language and cultural barriers in a foreign country, but such experiences make you more brave and confident to achieve your academic success. Don’t limit yourself but believe in yourself.....”

- Mika S., Japan

“I’m glad to have been in the very helpful resume workshop. This was such a good opportunity to increase my professional skills. Thanks a lot!”

- Gregório B., Brazil

“If you want to experience the world and a diverse community, SF State will be the best option available. Plus, it is located in San Francisco, a beautiful city that will never disappoint you.”

- Dimas K., Indonesia

A student visits the Golden Gate Bridge. The Golden Gate Bridge’s distinctive orange color has its own name: International Orange.
Why Come to San Francisco for the Summer?

- Live in one of the most multicultural cities in the world.
- Experience the Bay Area’s companies.
- Challenge yourself to live in a new culture.
- Make friends from around the world.
- Improve your English skills.
- Gain a new perspective.
Choose Your Path

Module 1 | University Study
International students who meet our English proficiency requirements will select two academic-credit courses from a wide variety of disciplines and take courses with other SF State students. Students who successfully complete the courses will receive six credits and are eligible to receive a transcript.

Module 2 | Intensive English
International students who do not meet the English proficiency requirements, but speak intermediate to advanced English, may enroll in our Intensive English module. The module is not offered for academic credit. However, students who successfully complete the module are eligible to receive an SF State transcript.

Students celebrate at an SF State graduation. SF State offers bachelor’s degrees in 75 disciplines, master’s in 63 disciplines, and 4 doctoral degrees.
Housing and Meals

Living on campus means more than just a bed, it is a community filled with exciting campus events, local concerts, social afternoons in the quad, and a launchpad to adventures in the heart of downtown San Francisco.

Enjoy the American college experience in student apartments that have fully furnished kitchens, bedrooms, and common areas. Cable television and broadband Internet access are provided free of charge in each apartment. You’ll never need to worry about going hungry - our meal plan consists of 15 meals per week. Plus, you get the flexibility to explore the diverse cuisine options around the city.

A student walks by the Towers apartments. More than 2,500 SF State students live in university apartments and residence halls.
Career Development

We understand how difficult it can be to find a job after graduation. That’s why we offer career development activities, such as resume workshops, visits to Bay Area companies, and career-focused panel discussions. Panel discussion topics may include “How to Launch Your U.S. Career” and “How to Apply to U.S. Graduate School.”

International students will have the opportunity to meet working professionals from a variety of career fields and gain firsthand insight into how to navigate the U.S. business world.
Activities and Adventures

Cultural and Social Activities
We want you to be part of the local community - on campus and in San Francisco. Each week you can join us for exciting adventures in the city, from neighborhood tours to a cruise on the San Francisco Bay.

International Education Exchange Council
The International Education Exchange Council (IEEC) helps you adjust to your new life in San Francisco with weekly social events with other international and SF State students who love travel and exploring the city.

Day or Weekend Trips
What’s the point of studying in San Francisco if you don’t get to explore the Bay Area, too? Imagine yourself hiking in Muir Woods or canoeing the Russian River. Past students have even visited Las Vegas, the Grand Canyon, and Yosemite National Park.

The magnificent views of Yosemite National Park. Only four hours from San Francisco, Yosemite is home to giant redwood trees and breathtaking rock formations.
Am I Eligible?

To be eligible to participate in the Summer in San Francisco program, you need to meet the following requirements:

- Be 17 years of age or older.
- Have graduated high school or the equivalent.
- Meet the minimum English proficiency requirements to enroll in normal university courses.
  
  **TOEFL iBT:** 61  
  **IELTS:** 6.0  
  **CET-4:**  423 (Intermediate Courses)  
  493 (Advanced-level Courses)

For more information about eligibility requirements, please visit: [sfsummer.sfsu.edu/content/academics](http://sfsummer.sfsu.edu/content/academics)

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A cable car climbs Mason Street. Andrew Smith Hallidie tested the first cable car in San Francisco in 1873.
How to Register

Step 1 | Research. Ask questions. Talk with us.
- Check out our [website](#), [blog](#), and [Facebook](#) for info.
- Make sure you are eligible.
- Look at sample course offerings.
- More questions? Contact us at [sfsummer@sfsu.edu](mailto:sfsummer@sfsu.edu).

Step 2 | Complete your registration.
- Go to our website’s [registration page](#).
- Follow the registration instructions.
- We will notify you of successful registration.

Step 3 | Sign-up for housing.
- Pay your housing fees.
- Fill out the housing registration documents.
- Your housing confirmation will be e-mailed to you.

Step 4 | Pick your courses.
- Pay your academic program fees.
- Fill out course preferences.
- We will e-mail you your confirmed course schedule.

Step 5 | Prepare for departure.
- Review welcome packet info.
- Receive I-20 & apply for F1 visa.
- Pack your bags and fly to San Francisco.

Coit Tower sits atop Telegraph Hill. It was built by wealthy socialite Lillie Hitchcock Coit, who loved to chase fires in the early days of San Francisco’s history.
Sample Course Offerings*

ACCOUNTING
Intro to Financial Accounting
Intro to Managerial Accounting
Financial Analysis
Cost Accounting

ASIAN AMERICAN STUDIES
History of Asians in the U.S.

AFRICANA STUDIES
Intro to Black Psychology
Black People & the American Experience

AMERICAN INDIAN STUDIES
American Indian History in the U.S.
American Indians & U.S. Laws
Image & Issues - Mass Media

ANTHROPOLOGY
Intro to Biological Anthropology
Intro to Archeology
Cross-cultural Sex & Gender

ART
Western Art History II
Drawing I
Ceramics I
Buddhist Art

ASTRONOMY
Intro to Astronomy

BECA
Media Aesthetics
Writing Electronic Media

BIOLOGY
Human Biology
Microbiology & Public Health
Human Physiology
Genetics

CINEMA
Intro to Cinema Studies
Film History
Critical Studies

COMMUNICATION STUDIES
Fundamentals of Oral Communication
Public Speaking

CREATIVE WRITING
Craft of Poetry
Uses of Personal Experience

CHEMISTRY
Preparation for Chemistry

DECISION SCIENCES
Business Statistics
Operations Management

FINANCE
Business Finance
Financial Management
Investments

ENGINEERING
Intro to Engineering
Electric Circuits
Engineering Graphics
Materials of Engineering
Structural Analysis Control Systems
Engineering Cost Analysis
Mechanics of Fluids
Linear Systems Analysis

GEOLOGY
Our Dynamic Earth
The Violent Earth

ENGLISH
First-Year Composition
Second-Year Composition
Oral Communications - Multilingual
Short Story: Global Literature

HOSPITALITY TOURISM MANAGEMENT
Asian Food, Culture, & Hospitality
Food, Wine, & Culture in California
HUMANITIES
Values in American Life
San Francisco
Thought & Image Humanities

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
Intro to World Affairs
International Relations
Theory Issues
U.S. Foreign Policy
International Criminal Law

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS
Intl Business & Multicultural Relations
International Environmental Analysis
Business Emerging Markets
Global Strategic Management

INFORMATION SYSTEMS
Intro to Information Systems
Info Systems for Management

JAPANESE
Art of Japanese Calligraphy
First Semester Japanese

MATHEMATICS
Algebra II
Elementary Statistics
Calculus I
Calculus II
Linear Algebra

MANAGEMENT
Intro to Mgmt & Org. Behavior
Management Skills
Creativity & Innovation

MARKETING
Principles of Marketing
Marketing Research
Consumer Behavior

OCEANOGRAPHY
Our Dynamic Ocean

PHILOSOPHY
Intro to Philosophy
Critical Thinking I
World Religions

PHYSICS
General Physics I
Physics with Calculus I

POLITICAL SCIENCE
Moral & Political Issues
American Politics

RACE & RESISTANCE STUDIES
Intro to Ethnic Studies
Race Ethnicity Power in the U.S.

SEXUALITY STUDIES
Sex & Relationships
Developing Femaleness & Maleness
Queer Cultures & Society

SOCIOLOGY
Sociological Perspectives
Social Problems
City in a Global Society

SPANISH
First Semester Spanish

WOMEN GENDER STUDIES
Intro to Women & Gender Studies
Gender, Politics, & Citizens

* Please note that this list does not represent the actual summer courses that are offered. Please refer to our website for the most up-to-date course offerings.