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STATE UNIVERSITY

Study Abroad in San Francisco



International Year One | 2024



Welcome

to International Year One at San Francisco State University

We understand that studying in another country can be daunting. That's why we offer international students a tailored course that helps ease the transition to U.S. undergraduate study.

With personalized academic and English language support, international students who complete their pathway program are prepared to excel in a SF State degree program. The undergraduate pathway program replaces an international student's freshman year of study so that the total length of study is the same as joining San Francisco State University directly.

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Study in America

FAST FACTS

 U.S. universities and colleges enrolled over 1 million international students in 2023.

 One-quarter of all international students in the U.S. are studying STEM subjects (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math)

 Half of the global top 10 universities are American

 During the 2021-2022 academic year, international students contributed \$33.8 billion to the U.S. economy and supported more than 335,423 jobs.



Employability: U.S. degrees are highly regarded internationally, and employers value the education and additional benefits that come with studying in America.

Diversity: The United States has the highest number of international students, with over one million studying in the country.

Flexibility: The U.S. university system offers students a wide range of choices in their undergraduate studies. Instead of focusing on a single subject, students can explore various fields of interest before deciding on their major at the end of their second year.

International Work Experience: All students who complete a U.S. degree are eligible for up to one year of OPT related to their course of study. Students who completed a STEM degree may apply for an additional two years of OPT.

Life in San Francisco

International Year One is the perfect way to start your degree at San Francisco State University.

Located in the city of San Francisco across two campuses, San Francisco State University (SF State) is one of the most desirable places to study in America. A globally influential city that's also home to some of the world's biggest tech companies, our students have the chance to build connections and experiences that will transform their careers.

-  Founded in 1776 by Spanish settlers
-  Birthplace of the United Nations in 1945
-  San Francisco's Chinatown is the oldest in North America (and the largest outside Asia)
-  It is one of the most ethnically mixed cities in America
-  The city has cool summers and mild winters
-  San Francisco International Airport is less than 10 miles from SF State










San Francisco: Embrace the Beat of a City Like No Other!

With its iconic landmarks, sloping hills, mountainous skylines and cool Pacific climate, the city of San Francisco is not only world-famous – it's also one of the most beautiful places on Earth. In fact, our students think it's the perfect place to spend four years developing, learning and building a career.

LIVING IN SAN FRANCISCO

-  Eclectic culture and diverse community
-  Opportunities for internships and employment
-  Proximity to global tech and Silicon Valley
-  Easy transportation with cycling as a popular option
-  Iconic sights: Golden Gate Bridge, Fisherman's Wharf, Chinatown



Why SF State?

For international students, SF State is the ideal place to earn a degree and prepare for a future career. Rated one of the most diverse colleges in America,¹ our campus is a vibrant mix of different races, cultures and languages where everyone can feel at home.

AFFORDABLE TUITION








Based in San Francisco, with all that the city has to offer, SF State is also part of the California State University system – meaning very **low tuition fees** for international students.

GOING PLACES

SF State is ranked among the **Top 25** universities in America for Social Mobility³ – meaning that we're among the best at making it affordable for our students to graduate and obtain well-paying careers.

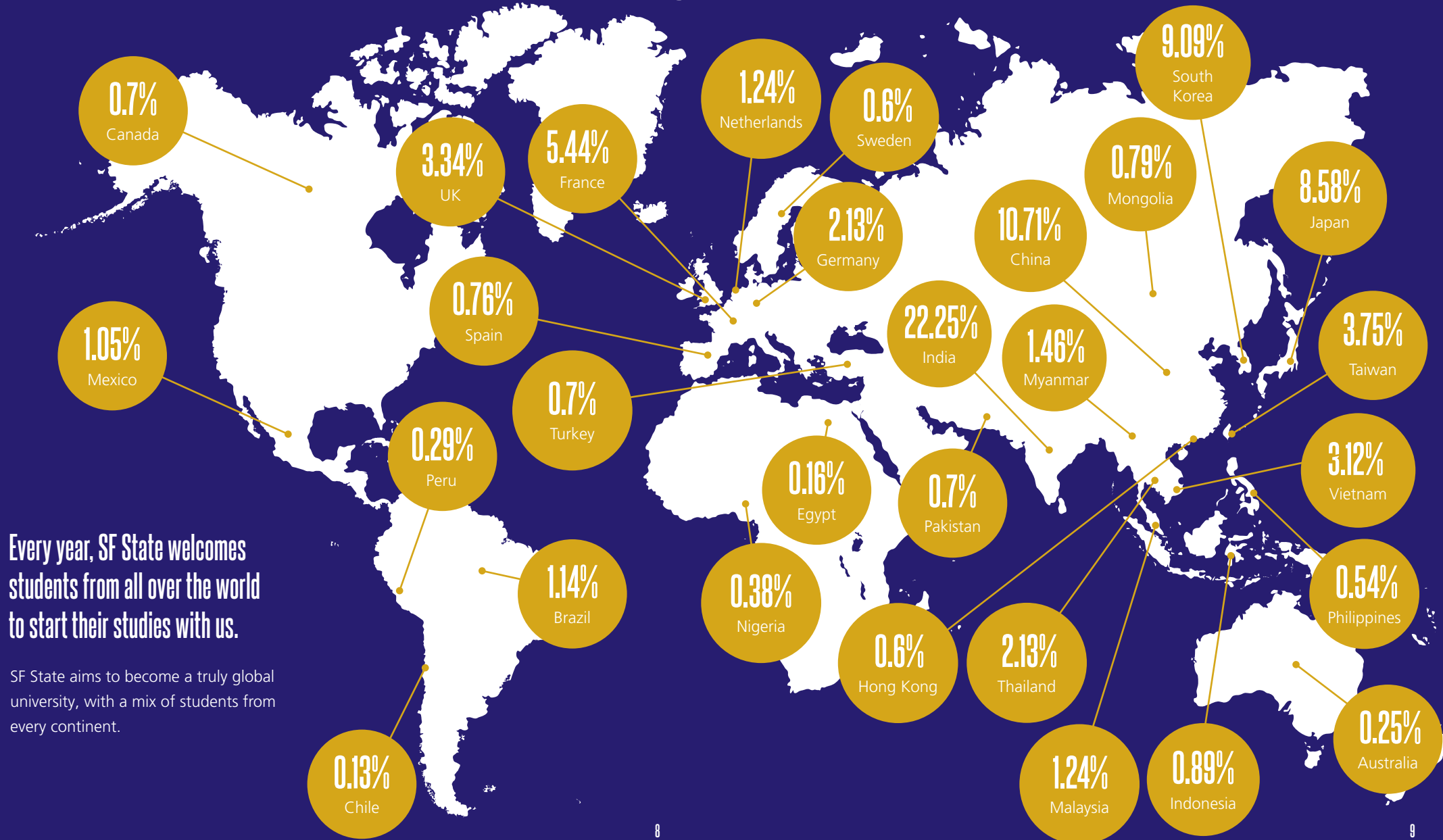
27,000 students
144-acre campus
1,800 academic staff

SF STATE: FAST FACTS

-  Founded in 1899
-  Ranked in the Top 20 colleges nationwide for best location (Niche.com)
-  Bachelor's degrees offered in 72 subject areas
-  200+ on-campus students clubs
-  Ranked ninth for intramural sports (Best Colleges)
-  16 Academy Award winners and 49 Emmy winners among SF State alumni
-  21 Pulitzer Prize winners among SF State alumni

¹ Ranked number 3 in the U.S. for inclusive environments in the Wall Street Journal's 2022 College Rankings; in the top 5 for diversity nationwide in the Wall Street Journal 2021 Best Colleges list.
³ Ranked #11 for 2021 Top Performers on Social Mobility by U.S. News & World Report.

An International Community of Learners



What is International Year One?

International Year One is a special first-year program that boosts your academic English language skills and helps lay the groundwork for future success.

International Year One allows students to take credit bearing SF State general education courses alongside additional academic and English language courses. The carefully selected credit bearing courses allow first-year students to both discover new topics and further explore already strong subjects.

Once International Year One is completed, students proceed directly to their second year of degree study at SF State.



My most memorable experience is the amount of support I received here compared to my college back home. Oxford International helped me meet new people from different cultures.

Adham Mohamed - Egypt

SUPPORT AT EVERY STAGE

INDIVIDUALIZED SUPPORT/ADVISING ACROSS THE TERM, PLUS AN OPEN OFFICE SO STUDENTS CAN EASILY CONNECT WITH PROGRAM STAFF.

CLASS SIZES OF APPROXIMATELY 18 STUDENTS FOR BESPOKE SUPPORT (NON CREDIT)

FULL SF STATE STUDENT STATUS, WITH ACCESS TO ALL UNIVERSITY FACILITIES FROM DAY ONE

PROVIDE THE PREPARATION FOR SUCCESS IN YOUR SUBSEQUENT STUDIES.



Discover a World of Opportunity

Oxford International operates the International Year One Pathway Program in partnership with San Francisco State University.

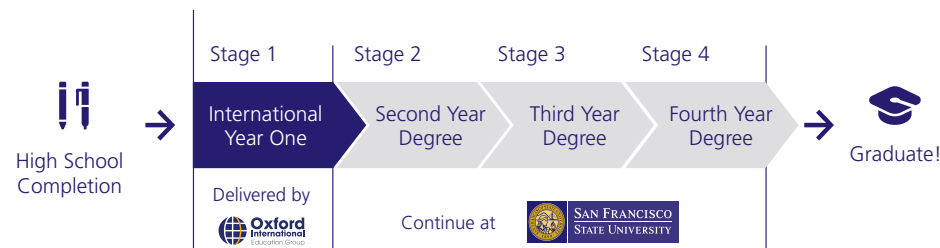
Founded in 1991, Oxford International is an accredited, private education provider that operates embedded pathways, vocational career colleges and English language schools across the UK and North America to create life changing experiences for students worldwide.

Our courses help over 70,000+ students from over 100 countries achieve academic success every year. We have built strong relationships with education consultants worldwide and pride ourselves on delivering the best programs for students.

Learn more about us
www.oxfordinternational.com



Your Journey Through SF State University



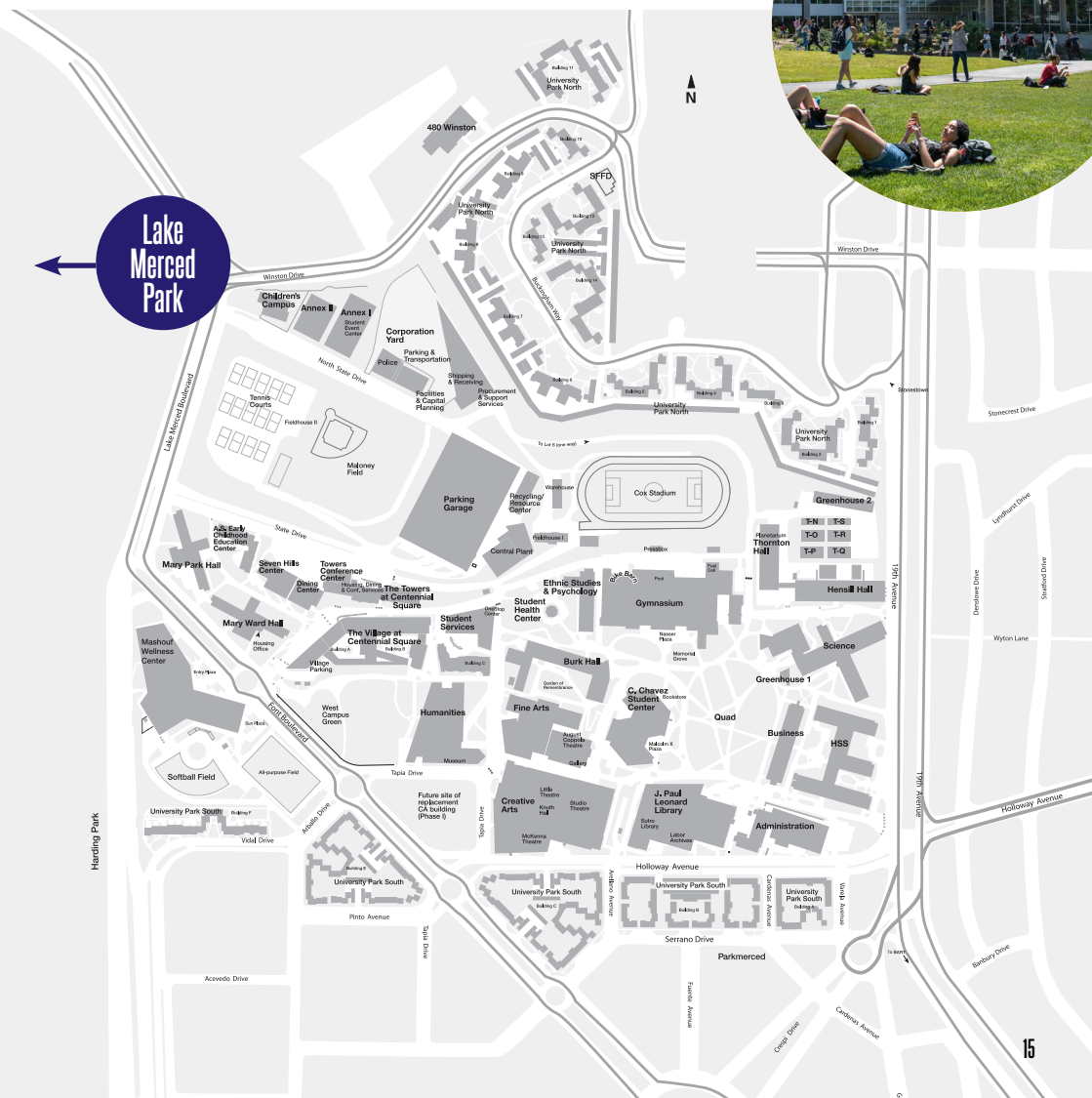
“Oxford International helped me to improve my English in all ways possible. My skills are better in writing and reading. My most memorable experiences that I had at the school was definitely in class, studying ‘living in San Francisco’, I have a lot of good memories and I’ve met a lot of people at the same time.

Allisson Escandon - Ecuador


SF State is ideally situated in uniquely beautiful areas of San Francisco.



SF State University main campus is located just east of Lake Merced, a quiet and picturesque area of the city with acres of parkland for relaxation.



Vibrant Campus Life



Whatever your passions,
you'll never run out of things
to do at SF State.

12

Division II
Athletic teams

15

Sports clubs

200+

Student
organizations

Clubs

Athletics, Judo, Jiu Jitsu,
Taekwondo, Wrestling, Water
Polo, Swimming, Rugby, Tennis,
Volleyball and Cheerleading.

Facilities

Indoor basketball courts,
climbing walls, heated swimming
pools, sauna, outdoor tennis
courts, baseball grounds,
athletics, soccer pitch

Life at SF State University

CAREER EVENTS

These include a fall and spring careers fair, a part-time job fair, and a graduate school fair. SF State University also offer a wide variety of workshops to all current students and alumni.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Part of Career and Leadership Development's (CLD) mission is to develop visionary, goal-driven and action-oriented student leaders. Students will develop lifelong skills through character development, creative and critical thinking, interpersonal communications, practical knowledge and career preparation.

RESOURCES

Career and Leadership Development provides a number of careers-oriented webinars, as well as written and video guides on how to write resumes, apply for internships and approach graduate school admissions. Face-to-face practice interviews in various fields are also offered.

PARTNERSHIPS WITH INDUSTRY

Collaborations with strategic partners like Genentech and the CSU Entertainment Alliance create many work opportunities for students in the state's top industries.

SPECIAL ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

SF State offers a wide array of special enrichment programs to help students gain the skills necessary to excel in the job market. A few of these programs include the President's Leadership Fellows Program (PLFP).



Accommodation

International Year One students can choose from a range of accommodation options such as:

- Homestay
- SF State Housing
- Private Housing



Scan to view the
accommodation guide

HOMESTAY

StudentRoomStay

We welcome international students and encourage students to live in personally-matched homes with local families to get a once in a lifetime cultural experience. We provide students with a welcoming family and a place to call home while pursuing their education. SRS Concierge specializes in providing safe, easy and world-class homestay experiences.

LIVING ON CAMPUS

As its residents describe, living on campus at SF State is a fulfilling and delightful experience. The location of SF State is prime, situated in a desirable area of San Francisco. Convenient access to public transportation and bike routes is readily available to all residents. Additionally, SF State Housing provides fully furnished move-in ready bedrooms and unfurnished options for those who prefer to bring their own furniture.

For students 19 and under,
SF State has residence halls with bath and apartment style 1 – 4 bedroom/ 1-2 bathroom units.

Learn more at go.studentroomstay.com/oxford-international-education-group-san-francisco

SF State Residences

SF State residential communities have a network of support staff who work to ensure that your on-campus living environment is comfortable and supports your studies.

MANZANITA SQUARE



CENTENNIAL SQUARE



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MARY WARD HALL



Your First Year of Study

Duration: 2-3 terms, depends on your level of English

Earned Credits: 18-24 towards your SF State Degree

Boost your English language skills

During your first year of study you will have a combination of general education credit courses alongside English language classes. Once you have successfully completed your first year by earning 18-24 credits and completing the English Language requirements, you can progress onto the degree of your choice.

ENGLISH AND ACADEMIC SUPPORT CLASSES

During your first year of study you will have a program of mandatory classes which give both academic and English language support. These include the following topics:

- English for Academic Purposes to strengthen and develop listening, speaking, reading, writing, and critical thinking in the university context
- Academic acculturation on matters such as plagiarism, study skills, collaboration, critical thinking, active class participation, course requirements/ expectations and research
- Small group seminars to support academic courses
- Living in San Francisco

EXTRA SUPPORT

Our full-time Student Services Manager will also be on campus to provide International Year One students with **ongoing assistance and guidance**. This support covers academic issues as well as practical, social and emotional needs arising from the transition to studying in the U.S.



Academic Course Overview

FIRST TERM OF STUDY FOR STUDENTS WHO ENTER AT IELTS 4.5:

Below are details of the courses you will study in your first and second terms:

Living in San Francisco (Credits: 1)

Learn about the historical, geographic, and environmental, socio-cultural, and political context of the SF Bay Area that draws people to this place.

+ University support classes with a total of 24hrs study:

- Integrated Skills Course
- Immersive Experience
- English for Academic Purposes
- Academic Success Skills
- Academic Support

FIRST TERM OF STUDY FOR STUDENTS WHO ENTER AT IELTS 5.0 AND SECOND TERM OF STUDY FOR STUDENTS WHO ENTERED AT IELTS 4.5:

Below are details of the courses you will study in this term.

Living in San Francisco (Credits: 1)

Learn about the historical, geographic, and environmental, socio-cultural, and political context of the Bay Area that draws people to this place.

Writing the First Year: Global Perspectives of Multilingual Speakers Stretch I (Credits: 4)

The first semester of the stretch version of the First-Year Writing Seminar for multi-lingual students. Focused on developing the academic reading and writing skills necessary for university coursework.

+ one of the following Mathematics classes depending on desired major:**

- Business Calculus (Credits: 3)
- Elementary Statistics (Credits: 3)
- Pre-Calculus (Credits: 4)
- Calculus I (Credits: 4)

+ University support classes with a total of 18hrs study:

- Immersive Experience
- High Intermediate English for Academic Purposes
- Academic Success Skills
- Academic Support

**Students will need to meet additional requirements before being able to take one of these classes.



FINAL TERM OF STUDY:

Below are details of the courses you will study in your final term of your Pathway Program:

Writing the First Year: Global Perspectives of Multilingual Speakers Stretch II (Credits: 4)

Students will need to have achieved a C- or better in the first term of this class. The second semester of this class will allow extra time to revisit and practice reading and writing strategies to improve English fluency.

Critical Thinking and the Ethnic Studies Experience (Credits: 3)

Basic skills involved in understanding, criticizing, and constructing arguments by using materials reflective of experiences of ethnic/racial groups in the U.S.

+ One - two of the following General Education Courses*

- Fundamentals of Oral Communication (Credits: 3)
- Introduction to Microeconomic Analysis (Credits: 3)
- Survey of U.S. History for International Students (Credits: 3)

+ University support classes with a total of 12-14hrs study

- Immersive Experience
- Advanced English for Academic Purposes
- Academic Success Skills

*Students will need to meet additional requirements before being able to take one of these classes.

*Some elective courses options may not be available every term.

University Support Classes

Integrated Skills Course

Students will develop their ability to master everyday English communication skills in an American context; socially, professionally, and academically.

English for Academic Purposes

The course teaches students the English language and critical thinking skills needed to achieve academic success according to American university expectations.

Academic Success Skills

This course will focus on the social, academic, and professional skills required to succeed in an American higher education setting and on the campus of San Francisco State University.

Academic Support

In a small group, students are encouraged to talk, think, and share more readily than in a larger group. Students also receive **ongoing individual support** from the Student Services Administrator and the Program Director throughout International Year One.

Immersive Experience

SF State offers a range of co-curricular and extra-curricular activities that ensure all international students enjoy a truly immersive experience, nurturing individual success and community connections.



Moving onto Your Second Year

Once you have successfully completed your International Year One Pathway program you will be able to move into the degree of your choice.

84 subject areas

TOP **5%** of business schools globally ¹

TOP **25** for film schools in the US ²

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Liberal/Creative Arts	French	Spanish	Mathematics (STEM)
American Studies	German	Professional Writing & Rhetoric	Physics (STEM)
Anthropology	History	Theatre Arts	Psychology
Art	Humanities	Women & Gender Studies	Health/Social Sciences
Art History	International Relations	Ethnic Studies	Child & Adolescent Development
Broadcast & Electronic Communication Arts	Italian	African Studies	Criminal Justice Studies
Chinese	Japanese	American Indian Studies	Environmental Studies (STEM)
Cinema	Journalism	Asian American Studies	Sociology
Classics	Liberal Studies	Latina/Latino Studies	Urban Studies & Planning
Communication Studies	Linguistics	Race & Resistance Studies	Business
Comparative & World Literature	Modern Jewish Studies	Science/Engineering	Economics
Creative Writing	Music	Biology (STEM)	Labor & Employment Studies
Dance	Philosophy	Chemistry (STEM)	
English	Philosophy & Religion	Earth Sciences (STEM)	
	Political Science	Geography	

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Health/Social Sciences	Science & Engineering	Mechanical Engineering (STEM)	Information Systems
Apparel Design & Merchandising	Applied Mathematics (STEM)	Environmental Science (STEM)	International Business
Environmental Studies (STEM)	Biochemistry (STEM)	Physics (STEM)	Management
Family & Consumer Sciences	Biology (STEM)	Statistics (STEM)	Marketing
Public Health	Chemistry (STEM)	Business	Liberal & Creative Arts
Interior Design	Computer Science (STEM)	Accounting	Industrial Design
Kinesiology	Earth Sciences (STEM)	Business (General)	Visual Communication Design
Nutrition & Dietetics (STEM)	Civil Engineering (STEM)	Business Finance	Education
Recreation, Parks & Tourism Administration	Computer Engineering (STEM)	Decision Sciences	Speech, Language & Hearing Sciences
	Electrical Engineering (STEM)	Hospitality & Tourism	

Admission Requirements

Before admission to International Year One, applicants must satisfy our minimum requirements for English language skills and academic achievement.



REQUIREMENTS FOR INTERNATIONAL YEAR ONE STUDENTS

To be admitted to SF State, applicants must demonstrate a minimum English proficiency score of 4.5 IELTS/ Oxford ELLT 3 / 45 TOEFL iBT (or equivalent), as well as meet or exceed, the academic entry criteria listed on pages 38 to 41.

Students' level of English language skills at the outset will also determine their route through International Year One. Those with an English proficiency score of 5.0 IELTS / Oxford ELLT 4/ 50 TOEFL iBT (or equivalent) will be able to take standard credit-bearing courses from the beginning of their first year, while those with lower scores will first receive a more intensive course of English language instruction. (For further details, see the previous section on Courses.)

REQUIREMENTS FOR TRANSFER TO SF STATE – YEAR 2

To complete International Year One and matriculate into the second year at SF State, students must successfully complete a minimum of 18 academic units earning a “C” (2.0) Grade Point Average or higher and demonstrate English proficiency by earning a 2.0 GPA and a CR or C– or better in ENG 202.

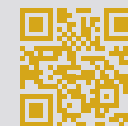


ENGLISH ENTRY CRITERIA

The following English proficiency exams and levels are accepted for entry into the International First Year at SF State:

International Year One	Oxford ELLT	IELTS	TOEFL iBT*
3 Terms	3	4.5	45
2 Term Advanced	5	5.5	55
2 Term Standard	4	5	50

OXFORD ELLT



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Alternatively, applicants who are able to demonstrate 2 years of full-time academic study in the following countries where the language of instruction was English, are **exempt from supplying an English proficiency exam for admission** into the International Year One at SF State:

Antigua	Ghana	Nigeria	Kingdom of Eswatini
Australia	Grand Cayman Islands	Northern Marianas	Tanzania
Bahamas	Grenada	Palau	Trinidad & Tobago
Barbados	Ireland	Papua New Guinea	Uganda
Belize	Jamaica	Scotland	United States
Bermuda	Kenya	Sierra Leone	Virgin Islands
Botswana	Lesotho	South Africa	Wales
Canada	Liberia	St. Kitts	Zambia
England	Malawi	St. Lucia	Zimbabwe
Gambia	New Zealand	St. Vincent & Grenadines	

Correct at time of print- subject to change.

Academic Entry Criteria for International Year One at SF State

COUNTRY	In country equivalency to a GPA of 2.5
Albania	High school GPA 7 out of 10
Algeria	Tawjahiya Secondary School, Azhar certificate, or Baccalauréat de l'Enseignement Secondaire with 60% average or 12
Argentina	Bachiller + Certificado de Estudios/Notas/Calificaciones with a 6.5 average
Australia - Australian Capital Territory	Year 12 Certificate + Record of Achievement with a C average
Australia - New South Wales	Year 12 Certificate + Record of Achievement with Band 4 or 70 HSC Marks
Australia - Northern Territory	Year 12 Certificate + Record of Achievement with a C average or 14
Australia - Queensland	Year 12 Certificate + Record of Achievement with SA/HA (Sound Achievement/High Achievement)
Australia - South Australia	Year 12 Certificate + Record of Achievement with a C average or 14
Australia - Tasmania	Year 12 Certificate + Record of Achievement with SA or 9
Australia - Victoria	Year 12 Certificate + Record of Achievement with C average
Australia - Western Australia	Year 12 Certificate + Record of Achievement with C average
Austria	Abschlussprüfungszeugnis when studied for 2 years with a minimum grade of 3 OR Matura minimum average of 3
Azerbaijan	Successful completion of complete secondary education with 3 average or 70%
Bahrain	Tawjahiya Secondary School Certificate with 60% average
Bangladesh	Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC) with 45% average
Botswana	Botswana General Certificate of Secondary Education with a D average
Belgium	Certificat d'Enseignement Secondaire Supérieur minimum (French speaking) Diploma van Secundair Onderwijs (Dutch speaking) Abschlusszeugnis der Oberstufe des Sekundarunterrichts (German speaking) minimum 14/20 (70%) or 7/10 (70%)
Brazil	Brazilian Secondary School Leaving Certificate (Certificado de Ensino Médio) with 7 average
Brunei	General Certificate of Education – Ordinary and Advanced Level with Third Class Honours
Bulgaria	Diploma of Completed Secondary Specialised Education OR Diploma of Completed Secondary Education - Minimum overall grade of 3/6

Subject to change. For the most up-to-date listings, visit the International Year One at SF State website.

COUNTRY	In country equivalency to a GPA of 2.5
Cambodia	Baccalauréat or Certificate of Upper Secondary Education exam results with a D average
Cameroon	Baccalauréat or Baccalauréat de l'Enseignement Secondaire with 12
Canada - Alberta	Successful completion of grade 12 with 65%
Canada - British Columbia	Successful completion of grade 12 with 73%
Canada - Manitoba	Successful completion of grade 12 with 70%
Canada - New Brunswick	Successful completion of grade 12 with 70%
Canada - Newfoundland and Labrador	Successful completion of grade 12 with 65%
Canada - Northwest Territories	Successful completion of grade 12 with 65%
Canada - Nova Scotia	Successful completion of grade 12 with 70%
Canada - Nunavut	Successful completion of grade 12 with 65%
Canada - Ontario	Successful completion of grade 12 with 70%
Canada - Prince Edward Island	Successful completion of grade 12 with 70%
Canada - Quebec	Successful completion of grade 12 with 80%
Canada - Saskatchewan	Successful completion of grade 12 with 70%
Canada - Yukon	Successful completion of grade 12 with 73%
Chile	Licencia de Educacion Media (academic) with 5
China	Senior Middle School Graduate Certificate with a 75% average
Colombia	Titulo de Bachiller with 7.5 average
Congo, Republic of	Baccalauréat with an average grade of 12 or higher
Congo, Democratic Republic of	Diplôme d'Etat d'Etudes Secondaires du Cycle Long with an average grade of 12 or higher on the 0-20 scale or an average of 70% or higher on the 0 –100 scale.
Croatia	Svjedodžba o Maturi (Matura Certificate) with minimum grades of 3
CZECH REPUBLIC	Vysvědčení o maturitní zkoušce (Secondary School Leaving Certificate) with a minimum grades of 3
Denmark	Bevis for Studentereksamen STX (Secondary Education Graduation Certificate)/ Bevis for Højere Teknisk Eksamen (HTX) (Higher Technical Examination Certificate)/ Bevis for Højere Handelseksamen (HHX) (Higher Commerce Examination)/Bevis Højere Forberedelseksamen (HF) (Higher Preparatory Examination Certificate with minimum grade 7
Dominican Republic	80% or above
Ecuador	Bachiller with a 7
Egypt	Thanawiya a'Amma General Secondary Education Certificate or Shehadet Thanawiya (Technical Secondary Education certificate) with 65% overall average
Estonia	Gümnaasiumi lõputunnistus (Secondary School Leaving Certificate) OR Lõputunnistus kutsekeskhariduse omandamise kohta (Vocational Secondary Education Certificate) with minimum overall grade of 3

COUNTRY	In country equivalency to a GPA of 2.5
Fiji	Fiji School Leaving Certificate (Form 6) with a 5
France	Baccalauréat Général with an average score of 12
Germany	VET Qualification: Berufsfachschulabschluss (Mittlerer Schulabschluss) (from 2013) - Overall GPA of 3.0 VET Qualification: Berufsschulabschluss / Berufsfachschulabschluss - Overall GPA of 3.0
Ghana	West African Senior Secondary School Certificate Examination with C4 average
GREECE	Upper Secondary School (Lykeio) Leaving Certificate (Apolytirio) Overall of 13
Honduras	Bachillerato or Bachiller Técnico, minimum grade needed is 81%
Hong Kong	HKDSE overall average at a minimum level 3
Hungary	Érettségi Bizonyítvány (Matura) Secondary Education Graduation Certificate school evaluation: 3/5 Szakközépiskola Érettségi Bizonyítvány (Vocational Secondary School Leaving Certificate) with minimum grade of 3/5
Iceland	Stúdentspróf (from Gymnasium) (Matriculation Certificate) /Stúdentspróf (post-vocational) (Matriculation Certificate):7/10 Lokapróf á framhaldsskólastigi (Upper secondary school leaving examination): 7/10
India	All India Senior Secondary Certificate 50%
Indonesia	SMA 3 with an average grade of 7 or 70%
Iran	Peesh-daneshgahii (pre-university) + Certificate of Completion of Secondary Education with 14 average
Iraq	Tawjahiya Secondary School or Azhar certificate with 70% average
Ireland	Leaving Certificate Higher level three subjects average grades H4 (60%)
Israel	Teudat Bagrut with 7 or 75% average
Italy	Diploma di Esame di Stato with overall of 76/100
Japan	Kotogakko Sotsugyo Shosho (Upper Secondary School Leaving Certificate) with 3.5 average
Jordan	Tawjahiya Secondary School Certificate with 70% average
Kazakhstan	Successful completion of Attestat with 75% average or 3.5 on 5 point scale
Kenya	Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE) with a C+ mean grade
Korea, Republic of (South Korea)	Korean Ranking equivalent grade 4.9 OR Korean GED 70
Kuwait	Tawjahiya Secondary School Certificate with 80% average
Kyrgyzstan	Kyrgyzstan credential: Certificate of Secondary Education with 3.5 or higher
Laos	Baccalaureat II with a 14 average
Latvia	Atestāts par vispārējo vidējo izglītību (Certificate of General Secondary Education) OR Diploms par arodizglītību (Diploma of Vocational Education) with Minimum grade 6/10
Lebanon	Baccalauréat Libanaise (in Arabic, Shahaadat Al-Bakaalouriya al Lubnaaniya l'il-ta 'liim al-Thaanawi –Al-Thanawiyah Al-Aamah Al-lubnaniah (aka General Secondary Education Certificate or General Secondary Diploma) with a 60% or higher.
Libya	Tawjahiya Secondary School or Azhar certificate with 75% average
Lithuania	Pagrindinio Išsilavinimo Pažymejimas (Basic School Leaving Certificate) Minimum Grade of 6.
Luxembourg	Certificat de Fin d'Études Moyennes with no less than 30 in each subject
Macau	Form 6 with minimum grade average of 60%

COUNTRY	In country equivalency to a GPA of 2.5
Malaysia	SPM with C+ or 8/10 average
Malawi	Successful completion of MSCE with 6 average
MALTA	Secondary Education Certificate pass (4/7). Matriculation Certificate Examination / Advanced Matriculation Certificate Examination: pass (grade C)
Mauritius	See GCE/ O and AS/A LEVEL requirements
Mexico	Certificado de Bachillerato with a 7.5 average
Moldova	Diploma de bacalaureat with exam grade of 7 or higher
Mongolia	12-year School Leaving Certificate (Gerchilgee) with 80% average
Morocco	Successful completion of Baccalauréat with a 12 average
Myanmar	Basic Education High School Examination (BEHSE) + AGTI Certificate/Diploma of Education/Certificate of Education: 50% or GED
Nepal	Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC) with 60% average or 2.8 GPA (Use grade type on transcript, do not convert).
Netherlands	MBO Middenkaderopleiding (Level 4) - min 6 Hoger Algemeen Voortgezet Onderwijs (HAVO) diploma - min 6 Voorbereidend Wetenschappelijk Onderwijs (VWO) (Gymnasium A/B and Atheneum A/B and Lyceum) diploma) - min 6
New Zealand	National Certificate of Educational Achievement Level 2 or 3 with average results of Merit
Nigeria	WAEC/NECO/IGCSE with Grade C4 average
Norway	Vitnemål fra den Videregående Skole (Leaving Certificate from Upper Secondary School) with minimum overall grade of 3
Oman	Tawjahiya Secondary School Certificate with 80% average
Pakistan	Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC) with 50% average
Palestine	Certificate of General Secondary Education with a 70% or higher
Panama	Diploma de Bachiller with 81% average
Peru	Bachillerato Académic with 12 average
Philippines	High School Diploma with 85% average
Poland	Świadectwo Dojrzałości Certificate of Maturity (Matura) Pass Matura with a minimum average of 3/6
Portugal	Certificado de fim de Estudos Secundários / Certidão do Décimo Segundo Ano / Nível 4 Qualificação do Quadro Nacional de Qualificações with Overall GPA of 14/20
Qatar	Tawjahiya Secondary School Certificate with 70% average
Russia	Attestat o srednem (polnom) obschem obrazovanii (Certificate of Secondary Education) with 3.5 average
Romania	Diplomă de Bacalaureat (Baccalaureate Diploma) with minimum pass of 7
Saudi Arabia	Tawjahiya Secondary School Certificate with 75% average
Singapore	See GCE/ O and AS/A LEVEL requirements
Slovakia	Vysvedčenie o maturitnej skúške (Secondary School Leaving Certificate) with minimum pass of 3
Slovenia	Maturitetno spričevalo (Matura Certificate) or Spričevalo o poklicni maturi (Vocational Matura) with minimum pass of 3/5
Spain	Título de Técnico Superior – or Título de Bachiller (current system): minimum average grade 6/10
South Africa	National Senior Certificate with 4.5 or 55% average

COUNTRY	In country equivalency to a GPA of 2.5
Sri Lanka	See GCE/ O and AS/A level requirements
Sudan	Tawjahiya Secondary School or Azhar certificate with 70% average
Sweden	Avgångsbetyg /Slutbetyg från Grundskola Gymnasiet (Upper secondary school leaving certificate), OR: Högskoleförberedande examen (higher Education Preparatory Diploma), OR: Yrkesexamen from gymnasiet (vocational secondary education), OR: Komvux (Kommunal vuxenutbildning på gymnasial nivå) = adult upper secondary education D
Switzerland	FEDERAL MATURITY – ACADEMIC: 3-5 years Diploma: Maturitätszeugnis / Certificat de maturité / Attestato di maturità: or VOCATIONAL MATURITY: 3 years (or as a 1-2 year add-on programme when a student has studied a normal VET 2-3 year diploma) Diploma: Eidgenössisches berufsmaturitätszeugnis / Certificat federal de maturité professionnelle / attestato federali di maturità professionale. COMBINED WITH: additional examination (Passarellenprüfung Berufsmaturität / Ergänzungsprüfung / Passerelle maturité professionnelle / Examen complémentaire / Passerella maturità professionale / Esame complementare)- or VOCATIONAL MATURITY: 3 years (or as a 1-2 year add-on programme when a student has studied a normal VET 2-3 year diploma) Diploma: Eidgenössisches berufsmaturitätszeugnis / Certificat federal de maturité professionnelle / attestato federali di maturità professionale: or VET DIPLOMA: 3-4 years. Diploma: Diplôme d'École de Culture Générale / specialised maturity (fachmatur / maturité specialise / attestato di maturità specializzata or VET DIPLOMA: 3-4 years. Diploma: Eidgenössisches Fähigkeitszeugnis / Certificat fédéral de capacité / Attestato federale di capacità Overall grade: 4/6, 6/10, 3/5
Syria	Tawjahiya Secondary School or Azhar certificate with 60% average
Taiwan	Senior High School Graduation Certificate with 70% average
Tanzania	ACSEE D/4 Average
Thailand	Matayom VI with 70% average or 2.5 GPA
Tunisia	Tawjahiya Secondary School or Azhar certificate with 60% average or 12
Turkey	Lise Diplomasi with 70% average
UAE	Tawjahiya Secondary School Certificate with 80% average
Uganda	Uganda Certificate of Education with 6 average
Ukraine	Attestat with Grade 7 on the 12 point scale or Attestat with Grade 3 on the 5 point scale
United Kingdom	See GCE/ O and AS/A level requirements
USA	Successful completion of Year 12 with GPA of 2.5
Uzbekistan	Achieving O'rta Ma'lumot To'g'risida Shahodatnoma or Umumiy Orta Ta'lim T'G'Risida (Certificate of Completed Secondary Education) or Kasb-Hunar Kolleji Diplomi (Diploma of Professional College) with a minimum grade of 3.

COUNTRY	In country equivalency to a GPA of 2.5
Vietnam	Bang Tot Nghiep Pho Thong Trung Hoc (Diploma of Completion of Secondary School) with 5.5 average
Zambia	Zambian School Certificate Examination with 4 average
Zimbabwe	See GCE: O and AS/A level requirements
Other Accepted Qualifications	
GCE: O Level	Minimum grade of C in a minimum of 5 subjects average of all subjects taken must also be a C or higher
IGCSE: International General Certificate of Secondary Education	Minimum grade of C in a minimum of 5 subjects, average of all subjects taken must also be a C or higher
GCE: AS/ A Level	Minimum grade of C or 5 in a minimum of 5 subjects (can be a combination of O and A level), average of all subjects taken must also be a C or higher
IB: International Baccalaureate	Successful completion of IB Diploma minium of 27 Points
West African School Certificate	Completion with minimum C4
General Educational Development (GED) exam	The GED satisfies proof of HS graduation only. Applicants would still need to meet the GPA requirement based on any high school coursework completed in their country's system to date



Your Investment

INTERNATIONAL YEAR ONE - TUITION FEES

Number of semesters	Oxford ELLT	IELTS entry	Program cost*
3 semesters	3	4.5 entry	\$30,000
2 semesters	4	5.0 entry	\$27,500
2 semesters	5	5.5+ entry	\$25,000

*Tuition fees are currently for 2024 and will be subject to an increase each year. For the most up to date program costs, please visit the International Year One at SF State website. Administration fees will also be applied if applications are progressed.

LIVING EXPENSES

Applicants living expenses will of course vary depending on a number of factors, such as their choice of accommodation, transportation and lifestyle. As a guide, the average living expenses for nine months for the academic year 2024 was estimated to be **\$28,721**. This amount includes estimates for meals, housing, books and supplies, transportation, personal expenses and health insurance.

Living Expenses *	Amount (in U.S. dollars)
Room & Board	\$19,432
Books & Supplies	\$1,100
Personal Expenses	\$4,428
Transportation	\$1,764
Health Insurance	\$1,997
Total living expenses	\$28,721

*Actual costs may be higher or lower depending on specific student choices



KEY DATES**

Year	Intake	Admissions deadline*	Arrival to SF State	Orientation	First Day of Classes
2023	Aug (Fall)	Jun 15, 2023	Aug 14, 2023	Aug 14, 2023	Aug 21, 2023
2024	Jan (Spring)	Nov 24, 2023	Jan 22, 2024	Jan 22, 2024	Jan 29, 2024
2024	Jun (Summer)	Apr 15, 2024	Jun 3, 2024	Jun 3, 2024	Jun 3, 2024

* Late applications may be accepted if space is available; however, this may impact your ability to get your visa in time. **Dates are subject to change, for the most up-to-date listings, visit the International Year One at SF State website.

How to Apply

Once you have met our admissions requirements, applying to International Year One at SF State is easy.

All you need to do is complete our application form and return it to your local representative. The application must include copies of all relevant academic transcripts and certificates of English language qualifications.



A copy of a valid passport



A copy of your original qualification certificates and transcripts
(Certified translation if applicable)



Any current or previous U.S. visas and I20 forms



Proof of financials

Proof of English proficiency

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