



SAN FRANCISCO STATE UNIVERSITY ADMISSION GUIDE



# 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.

## Ethnicity

African American.....	6%
American Indian/Alaskan Native ...	0.2%
Asian American, Filipinx.....	30%
Chicanx, Mexican American.....	27%
Latinx .....	12%
Pacific Islander .....	1%
Two or More Races.....	6%
White Non-Latinx.....	18%

# At a Glance

## Enrollment

27,075

Undergraduate: 23,926

Graduate: 3,149

Women: 56%

Men: 43%

Non-Binary: 0.1%

## Colleges

Education

Ethnic  
Studies

Liberal &  
Creative Arts

Health &  
Social  
Sciences

Lam Family  
College of  
Business

Science &  
Engineering

## Top 25

of U.S. universities making  
college affordable for students  
to graduate and obtain good-  
paying jobs

—CollegeNet's  
Social Mobility Index

# 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.

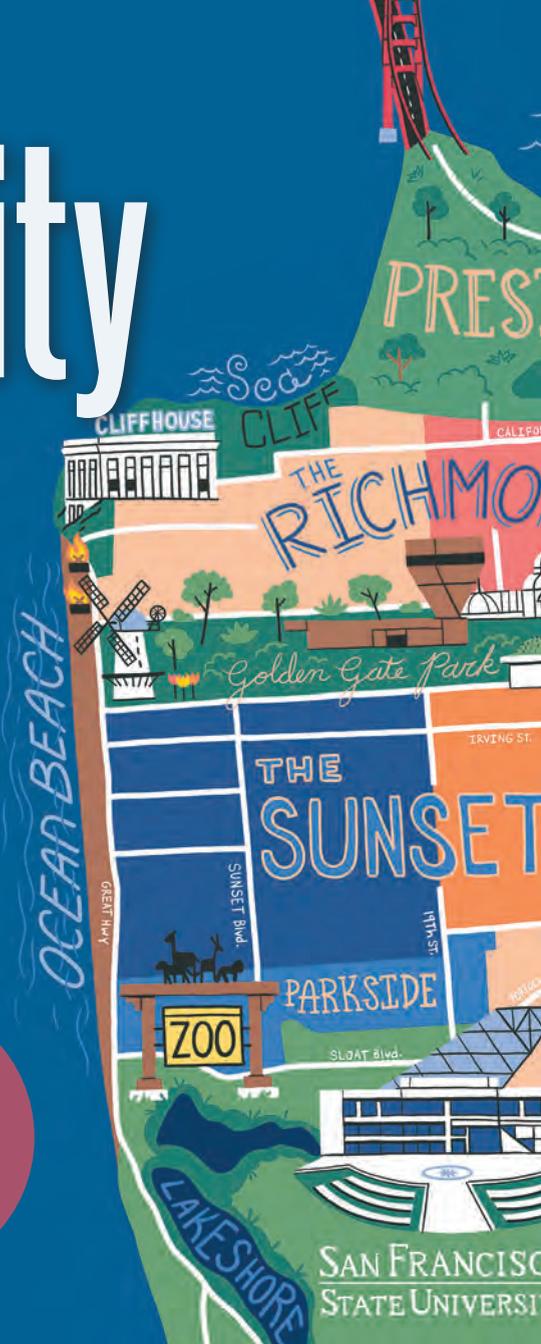
And the city is celebrated for something else, too: a culture that's known the world over for its rebelliousness and forward-thinking. Whether you're looking at business, the creative arts or social justice, San Francisco is always at the forefront of innovation and change.

## Hike

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

## See

postcard-worthy views of the Golden Gate Bridge.





Take a  
**Selfie**  
at the Painted Ladies,  
one of the most  
photographed  
locations in  
America.

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

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

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



# Discover

San Francisco State University is committed to helping you discover your unique path in life. We offer 72 undergraduate degrees and 28 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.

## Degrees

bachelor's,  
post-bachelor's certificate,  
master's, post-master's  
certificate, doctoral

Business  
Administration

Computer  
Science

Criminal  
Justice  
Studies

Biology

Communication  
Studies

# Top Majors

Engineering

Cinema

English

Psychology

Child and  
Adolescent  
Development

## 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.

## PASSIONATE PROFESSORS

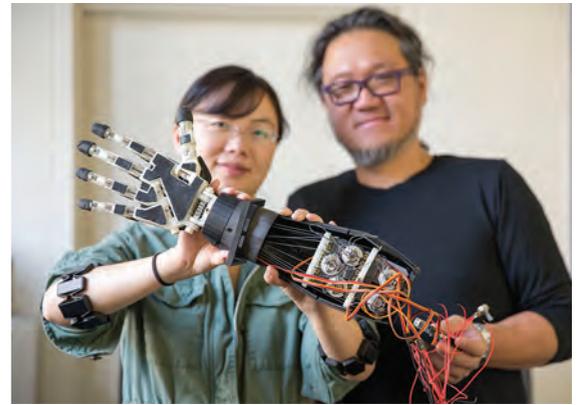
You'll never receive more personal, one-on-one attention from your professors than at SF State — they make a big school feel small. They are passionate leaders in their fields who understand not every student learns in the same way. The University's 1,839 faculty are shaping the conversation in the arts, culture, technology, business, health care, education and science.

## 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.



## 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.**

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on Surfer magazine's Best Surf Colleges list

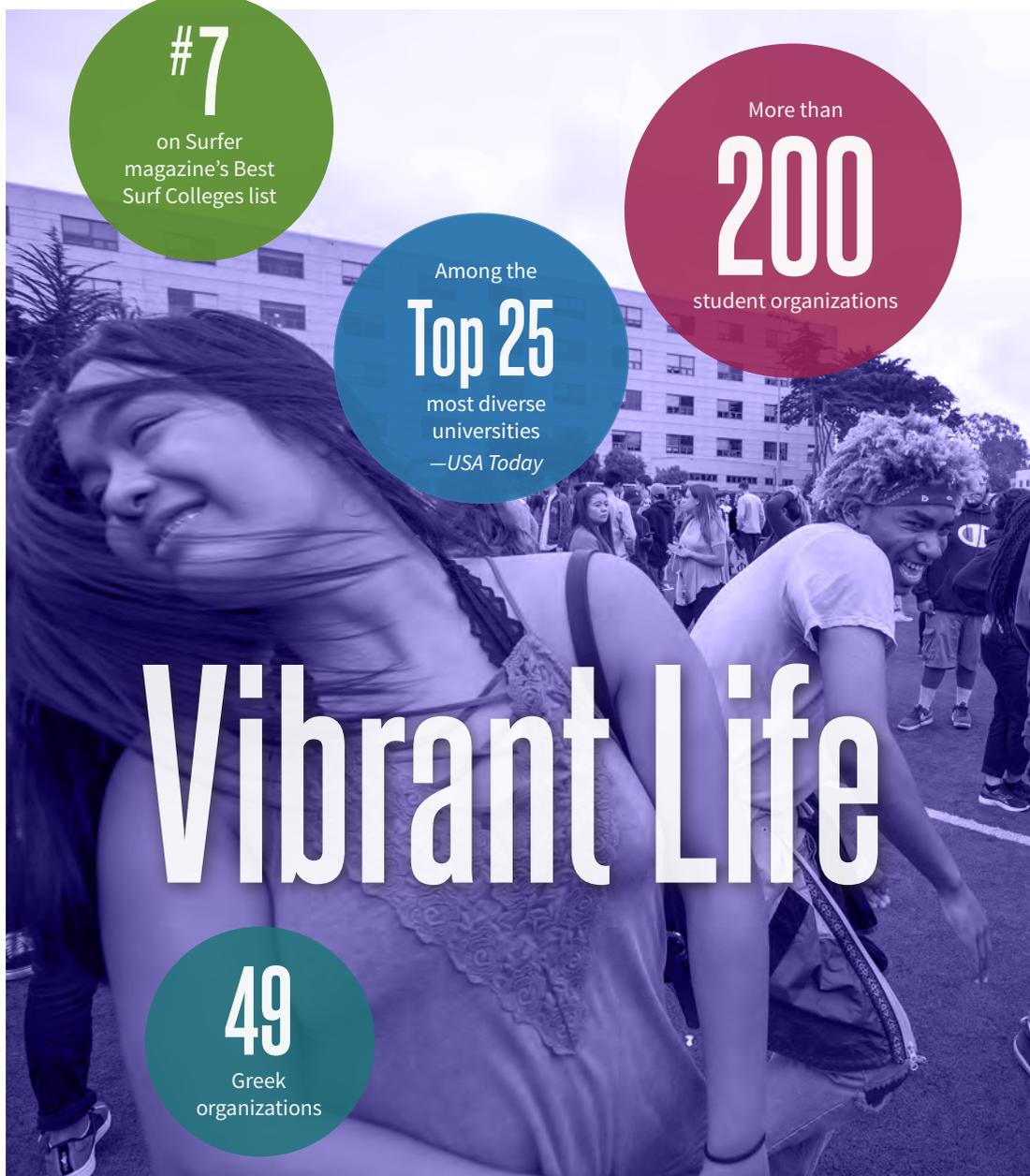
Among the  
**Top 25**  
most diverse universities  
—USA Today

More than  
**200**  
student organizations

# Vibrant Life

49

Greek organizations





# Sports & Leisure

110

student athletes  
named to the CCAA  
All-Academic list

Men

Baseball • Basketball  
Cross Country • Soccer  
Track and Field  
Wrestling

Women

Basketball • Cross Country  
Soccer • Softball  
Track and Field  
Volleyball

## 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 110 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.



Top performer on  
**Social  
Mobility**

— *U.S. News & World  
Report*

# Put your Passion

University HQ  
ranks SF State

**#2**

for most affordable  
college in California

**Top 25**

for film schools  
in the U.S.

— *Hollywood Reporter*



First

College of  
Ethnic Studies

# into Action

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.

[future.sfsu.edu](http://future.sfsu.edu)

SF State alumni  
have won

21

Pulitzers

16

Oscars

49

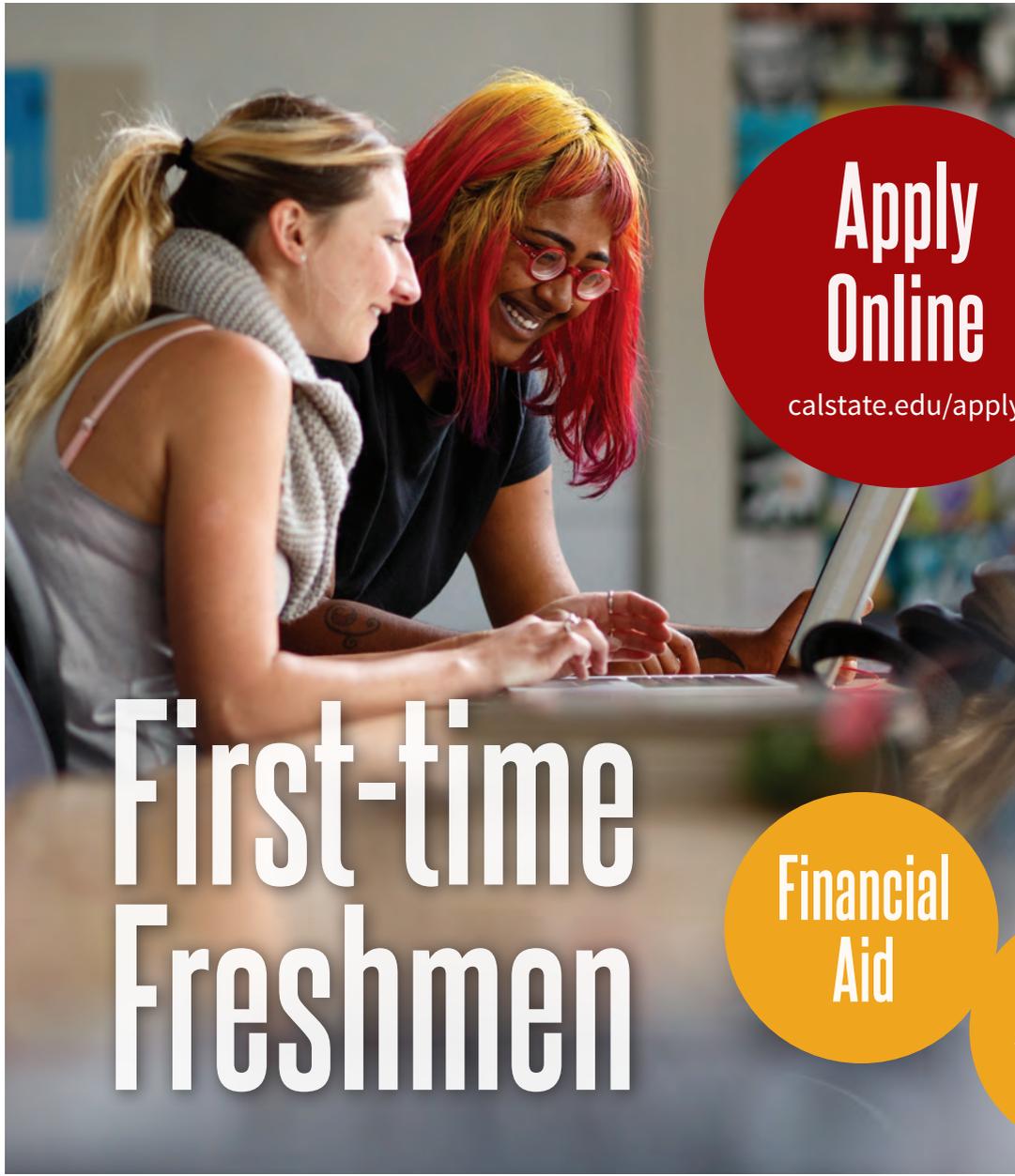
Emmys

10

Grammys

12

Tonys



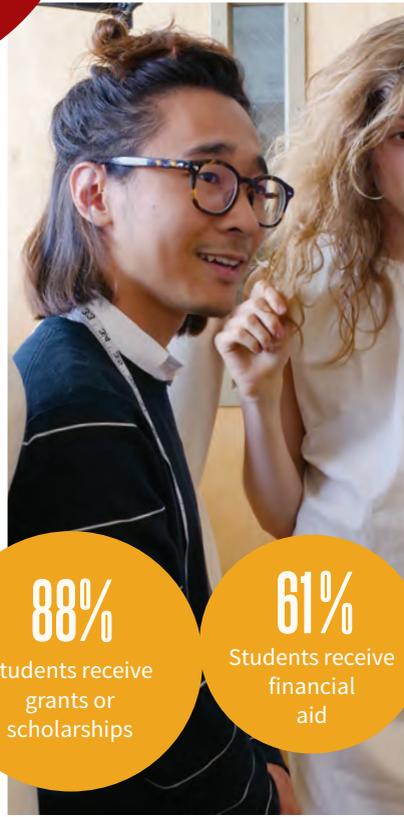
# First-time Freshmen

**Apply Online**  
[calstate.edu/apply](https://calstate.edu/apply)

**Financial Aid**

**88%**  
Students receive grants or scholarships

**61%**  
Students receive financial aid





## APPLY ONLINE

[calstate.edu/apply](https://calstate.edu/apply)

### 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

## 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.

### Advising Hub

An excellent resource for the undeclared and/or undecided majors. The Advising Hub 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

# College Transfers

Upper & Lower Division

Apply  
Online

[calstate.edu/apply](https://calstate.edu/apply)



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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/articulation/roadmaps](https://ueap.sfsu.edu/articulation/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.



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### **Undergraduate Admissions and Recruitment**

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**Campus Visits and Tours** | 415.338.7168



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