



San Francisco State University

Political Science

Study details

Course type: Bachelor's degree
Degree: BA (Hons) Political Science
Study mode: Full time
Duration: 36 Month

Cost of study

Cost : 26 000 USD
Reg. fee : N/A USD
Scholarship :
Insurance : N/A USD

Intake/s

Aug/Jan

Requirements

Eligibility Requirements for Freshman from a High School Outside of the US

To be eligible for admission to SF State as a freshman, you must meet the following minimum requirements:

1. Be academically prepared for college/university

Complete a secondary/high school curriculum that totals 12 years of primary-secondary education, be qualified to enter a university in your home country and have a good scholastic record from an accredited/recognized school.

2. Meet the GPA requirement

Have a 2.5 grade point average (GPA) in the 4.0 grading scale or B- average in academic courses completed after 9th grade.

3. Graduate from high school

You should have, or will have, the equivalent of US high school completion.

See specific secondary school credentials by country.

4. Meet the English Language Proficiency Requirement

See the English Language Proficiency section below for more information.

Eligible English Proficiency Exams

Test	Minimum Score
TOEFL iBT Total Score	61
TOEFL iBT Special Home Edition Total Score	61
IELTS Overall Score	6.0
IELTS Indicator Overall Score	6.0
PTE Academic Score	45
SAT Evidence Based Reading and Writing	550
ACT English Score	22
IB English A – Language and Literature HL	4
IB English A – Literature HL	4
AP English Language and Composition	3
AP English Literature and Composition	3

For students planning to study in F-1 student visa status, you and/or your sponsor(s) must prove that you have the financial ability to pay for school costs plus living expenses for one academic year.

You will be asked to submit the following documents:

- Financial Affidavit Form
- Proof of finances
- Passport copy (or national ID card if you do not yet have a passport)

Accommodation

Cost of Attendance

Cost Type	On Campus	Off Campus	Living At Home
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Tuition Fees (7 units or greater)	\$7,950	\$7,950	\$7,950
Housing	\$17,010	\$14,724	0
Food	\$5,256	\$7,506	11,520
Books and Supplies	\$1,100	\$1,100	\$1,100
Transportation	\$1,512	\$1,962	\$1,764
Personal Expenses	\$3,222	\$3,924	\$4,050
TOTAL	\$36,050	\$37,166	\$26,384

Note: This table shows full cost for two semesters before any aid is applied

Speciality

IMPORTANT REMINDER: Out-of-State and International students must pay \$420.00 PER UNIT in addition to the tuition fees appropriate to their academic level.

Some other documents we may need for your application:

- If it has been more than 1 year since you graduated from high school, submit the Gap in Attendance Form
- If you are a US permanent resident, please submit a copy of your green card. If you have an immigration status other than F-1, you may be asked to submit additional documents to verify your status.
- If you completed any of the following exams: Advanced Placement (AP), College Level Examination Program (CLEP), International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma - Higher Level, you may be eligible to receive additional college credit. Official exam scores will be required to award transfer credit. Visit the Standardized External Examinations page for more information.
- If you are an official partner-agent with San Francisco State University, submit the Student Consent for Release of Information form.

Pathways Available - International Year One

Additional information

Degree Overview

For a course to count towards the Political Science major, students must earn a grade of C- or better in all core, breadth, and culminating experience courses.

Political Science majors may take up to four units of political science coursework as credit no credit (CR/NC), as long as those units are part of their electives. All PLSI courses other than electives must be taken for a letter grade (i.e., A-, B, C+, etc.)

The GWAR (writing-emphasis) course must be taken in the Political Science Department, even if a student has completed a GWAR course in another department.

Students who want to do an independent study/special study must arrange it with faculty, submit a Petition for Course by Individual Study (PLSI 699) form, and have at least a 3.0 grade-point average. Independent Study units count only as electives.

Study Reasons

Studying political science grounds students in the importance of political participation and prepares them to take part in the political life of their communities and the nation.

Majoring in political science can qualify you for many different careers in private, for-profit, and non-profit organizations, as well as the public sector.