



San Francisco State University

Philosophy & Religion

Study details

Course type: Bachelor's degree

Degree: BA (Hons) Philosophy & Religion

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

The philosophy and religion degree includes the study of the spiritual thought and practice of diverse groups, communities, and individuals throughout the ages. Courses emphasize the central importance of integrating diverse areas of knowledge and experience into wider visions of human community, reading and analysing texts, and developing skills for the disciplines of profound self-reflection and contemplation. Students will gain basic knowledge about diverse religious traditions and develop a deeper understanding of their special areas of interest. The goal of this program is to provide students with techniques and insights needed for rigorous examination of the issues, experiences, and concerns arising from religious quests for certainty, community, and social justice.

The department welcomes students from other majors or programs who wish to examine their personal philosophy and religious beliefs and practices, investigate the philosophies and religions of others, or sharpen their skills as independent thinkers.

Many of the courses offered are not only appropriate as part of a philosophy and religion major but are of special interest to students in other fields. These courses are designed to help students understand the theoretical frameworks, religious implications, and more abstract dimensions of the paramount areas of knowledge. Students interested in either the philosophical and religious understanding of a field of knowledge, or in philosophy and religion for self-understanding, should feel free to consult the department chairperson or an advisor on appropriate courses.

The philosophy and religion major program include six units from related fields. This gives students an opportunity to integrate courses offered by other departments into the major, so long as those courses are substantially concerned with philosophy or religion and approved by an advisor. Undergraduate advisors are also authorized by the department to designate units obtained in other departments as satisfying unit requirements. Neither students nor advisors should view this as an escape clause which enables a student who has not quite satisfied the major requirements in philosophy and religion to do so. Units outside the department are to be designated for use in the major on the basis of their contribution to the student's major program. To avoid confusion on this point, students should obtain written approval from an advisor before obtaining non-department units to be utilized in the major.

Students who have not taken PHIL 110 PHIL 110 PHIL 110 may begin the program but should complete this course or its equivalent at the earliest opportunity. Equivalencies must be approved by a departmental advisor.

The Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy and Religion requires a minimum of 40 units, with at least 31 of these units being upper-division. The program culminates in a one unit personalized learning outcomes course in which students reflect philosophically on their development of skills and knowledge. This learning outcomes course, PHIL 696 PHIL 696 PHIL 696, can be taken in either the first or second semester of the student's senior year.

The program offers a great deal of flexibility, permitting individualized emphases in specific areas. Students majoring in philosophy and religion are urged to lay out a tentative program of courses with their advisors early in their tenure at the university. Depending upon the student's area of specialization, up to six units of courses outside the philosophy department may be approved by a department advisor as elective units for the B.A.