



San Francisco State University

Philosophy

Study details

Course type: Bachelor's degree

Degree: BA (Hons) Philosophy

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 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 enterprise of philosophy requires sharpening the skills necessary for clarifying premises, uncovering presuppositions (one's own and those of others), weighing the pros and cons of conflicting values, and analysing concepts and issues. Courses in Philosophy serve to develop and enhance these skills. Some courses concentrate on specific philosophical issues. Others provide an overview of an entire area of human inquiry or endeavour (such as the sciences, the arts, political theory and law, medicine, social justice, and how our minds, senses, and emotions work) or of the philosophical foundations that characterize a historical period.

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

Many of the courses offered are not only appropriate as part of a Philosophy major but are of special interest to students in other fields. These courses are designed to help students understand the

theoretical frameworks, methodological presuppositions, and more abstract dimensions of the paramount areas of knowledge. Students interested in either the philosophical understanding of a field of knowledge or in philosophy for self-understanding should feel free to consult the department chair or an advisor on appropriate courses.

Undergraduate advisors are authorized by the department to designate units obtained in other departments as satisfying unit requirements in Philosophy for application to the Philosophy program. Neither students nor advisors should view this as an escape clause that enables a student who has not quite satisfied the major requirements in Philosophy to do so. Units outside the department are to be designated for use in the major based on 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 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 requires a minimum of 40 units, with at least 31 of these units being upper-division. The program culminates in a 1-unit personalized learning outcomes course in which students reflect philosophically on their development of skills and knowledge. This learning outcomes course, PHIL 696, can be taken in either the first or second semester of the student's senior year.

The program includes 9 units of elective courses in Philosophy, permitting individualized emphases in specific areas. Students majoring in Philosophy 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 6 units of courses outside the Philosophy department may be approved by a department advisor as elective units for the B.A.