

FRESHMEN

You are eligible to be reviewed by SF State if you meet the following criteria:

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You are a high school graduate, or equivalent

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You must complete the required high school courses with grades of "C-" or better in:

- a. History/Social Science - 2 years required-** including one year of US History or US History/US Government.
- b. English - 4 years required** - Composition and Literature.
- c. Mathematics - 3 years required (4 years recommended)** - Algebra, geometry, intermediate algebra; or integrated mathematics.
- d. Laboratory Science - 2 years required (3 years recommended)** - One year of biological and one year of physical science both with lab.
- e. Language Other Than English - 2 years required** - Study in the same language.
- f. Visual and Performing Arts - 1 year required** - Select a year-long course from art, theatre/drama, music or dance.
- g. Elective - 1 year required** - Select from the areas a-f or from other approved college prep "a-g" courses.

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You must take and submit your SAT or ACT test scores

All freshmen applicants will be required to submit SAT (critical reading and math) or ACT composite scores from a test taken **no later than the December 2011 test dates**. Note: The writing portion of the SAT or ACT is not used for admission or placement purposes.

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You must meet or exceed the minimum eligibility index.

The eligibility index is a weighted combination of high school grade point average during the final three years of high school and a score on either the SAT or ACT. To make a preliminary admission decision, all grades earned in "a-g" courses taken in 10th through 11th grades are used to calculate the high school grade point average (GPA).

Graduates of California high schools or residents of California, as defined for tuition purposes, must have a minimum eligibility index of 2900 using the SAT or 694 using the ACT. Nonresidents who are not graduates of a California high school must have a minimum index of 3502 using the SAT or 842 using the ACT

The CSU eligibility index is calculated by using either the SAT or ACT as follows:

SAT (scores in mathematics and critical reading) + (800 x GPA)

-or-

(10 x ACT composite score without the writing score) + (200 x GPA)

Residents of California Minimum Eligibility					
GPA	2.00	2.50	2.80	2.99	3.00+
SAT	1300	900	660	510	Must submit test scores. Eligible for consideration with GPA above 3.00 and necessary course requirements.
ACT	30	20	14	10	

Choice of major and application review

SF State is an impacted campus, therefore eligibility for admission is based on:

1. Minimum CSU eligibility standards for local area applicants. Non-local area applicants may be held to a higher standard.
2. Applicants should carefully select their intended majors.

"Local" and "non-local" students

SF State is committed to giving residents in six local area counties priority in the admission process. Local applicants are students who will graduate from a high school in Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, San Francisco, San Mateo or Santa Clara counties.

Local applicants are guaranteed admission provided they apply by 11:59PM PST on November 30, 2011, comply with all posted deadlines and meet CSU eligibility requirements by the end of the spring 2012 term. CSU-eligible local applicants applying for admission in impacted majors will be offered admission as an Undeclared major.

Non-local applicants are students who will graduate from a high school located outside of the six counties listed above. Admission is offered to non-local applicants based on the overall space available and may require a higher eligibility index.

Non-residents of California and international applicants must meet higher minimum standard, regardless of major.

Have a back-up plan!

Out of area applicants to SF State should have a back-up plan at an alternative campus that offers the desired major.

Fall 2012 First-time Freshmen Application Dates and Deadlines	
October 1 - November 30, 2011	SF State application period
November 30, 2011	Freshmen application deadline
November 30, 2011	EOP priority application (if applicable)
When requested by Undergraduate Admissions via email	Request transcripts from any high schools you attended
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December 2011 test date	Freshman should complete the ACT or SAT no later than this date
December 2011/January 2012 for local area; February/March 2012 for non-local area	Freshmen notification begins
March 2, 2012	Financial Aid priority deadline
May 5, 2012 test date	Final test date for the ELM/EPT in order to attend SF State, it is recommended to take the test earlier if possible.
May 1, 2012, 11:59PM	Deadline to Accept Admission Offer
July 15, 2012	Final transcripts must arrive at SF State by this date