

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN CIVIL ENGINEERING

Undergraduate Programs in Engineering

Freshman applicants have completed four years of high school mathematics, one year of high school chemistry, and one year of high school physics. Students are also encouraged to include courses in mechanical drawing and computer programming.

Community college transfers should complete the sequence of mathematics, chemistry, physics, and engineering courses listed in freshman and sophomore years under the "sample sequence of courses," if available at the community college.

The Bachelors of Science in Civil, Computer, Electrical, and Mechanical Engineering require – 127, 128, 129, and 129-semester units, respectively. A minimum of 30 units must be earned in residence at SF State. Of these units, 24 must be upper division courses, and 12 of these upper division units must be in the major. Major requirements, including mathematics, chemistry, and physics prerequisites, comprise - 93 units for civil engineering, 94 for computer engineering, 95 for electrical engineering and 95 units for mechanical engineering. For civil engineering, 50 of the required units are lower division and 43 units are upper division. For mechanical engineering, 51 of the required units are lower division and 44 units are upper division. For electrical engineering, 50 of the required units are lower division and 45 units are upper division. For computer engineering, 49 of the required units are lower division and 45 units are upper division. The remaining 33 units satisfy the balance of the university requirements including communication skills and general education in humanities and social sciences. Students are advised that, except for some general education (GE) courses, all courses which are to be counted toward completion of an engineering degree must be taken for a letter grade; the CR/NC option may not be used in this context.

Civil Engineering

The curriculum provides a broad-based common core of engineering science and the essential civil engineering subjects. The students conclude with 15 units of upper division electives where the primary emphasis is design, practical applications, and computer solutions in selected areas of civil engineering. Graduates of the civil engineering program are expected to have, within a few years of graduation:

- Established themselves as practicing professionals or engaged in graduate study in civil engineering or a related field.
- Become licensed civil engineers or made appropriate progress toward professional registration.

Students must complete 21 units of upper division engineering units before registering for ENGR 696.

Courses are scheduled during the day as well as in the late afternoon and evening. Other information and assistance in selecting courses can be obtained from a major advisor in the School of Engineering, or by calling (415) 338-1174, by email to engrassst@sfsu.edu, or by writing to:

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San Francisco State University
Science Building
1600 Holloway Avenue

San Francisco, CA 94132

General Education Requirements Met in the Major

The requirements below are deemed "met in the major" upon completion of the courses listed (even though the courses and their prerequisites are not approved for GE). This is true whether or not the student completes the major.

- Area A3 (Critical Thinking) is satisfied upon completion of [ENGR 205](#) and one of [ENGR 201](#) or [ENGR 213](#).
- Upper-Division General Education, Physical and Life Sciences (UD-B) is satisfied upon completion of [ENGR 300](#) and one of [ENGR 301](#) or [ENGR 302](#).

Civil Engineering (B.S.) – 91 units minimum Required Courses (79-81 units)

Code	Title	Units
CHEM 115	General Chemistry I: Essential Concepts of Chemistry	3-5
	or CHEM 180 Chemistry for the Energy and the Environment	
ENGR 100	Introduction to Engineering	1
ENGR 101	Engineering Graphics	1
ENGR 102	Statics	3
ENGR 200	Materials of Engineering	3
ENGR 201	Dynamics	3
ENGR 205	Electric Circuits	3
ENGR 235	Surveying	3
ENGR 271	Introduction to MATLAB	1
ENGR 300	Engineering Experimentation	3
ENGR 302	Experimental Analysis	1
ENGR 304	Mechanics of Fluids	3
ENGR 309	Mechanics of Solids	3
ENGR 323	Structural Analysis	3
ENGR 425	Reinforced Concrete Structures	3
ENGR 429	Construction Management	3
ENGR 430	Soil Mechanics	3
ENGR 434	Principles of Environmental Engineering	3
ENGR 436	Transportation Engineering	3
ENGR 696	Engineering Design Project I	1
ENGR 697GW	Engineering Design Project II - GEAR	2
MATH 226	Calculus I	4
MATH 227	Calculus II	4
MATH 228	Calculus III	4
MATH 245	Elementary Differential Equations and Linear Algebra	3
PHYS 220 & PHYS 222	General Physics with Calculus I and General Physics with Calculus I Laboratory	4
PHYS 230	General Physics with Calculus II	3
PHYS 232	General Physics with Calculus II Laboratory	1
PHYS 240	General Physics with Calculus III	3
PHYS 242	General Physics with Calculus III Laboratory	1

Upper-Division Engineering Electives (12 units)

Choice of upper-division electives must present a clearly identifiable educational objective and ensure that the program requirements in engineering science and design are met by all students. Distribution of credit units among engineering science and design is given in the Advising Guide. A study plan of intended upper division electives must be approved by the student’s advisor and the program coordinator prior to the seventh semester of the engineering program.

A total of 12 units from the following list of courses is required, subject to the minimum number of units specified for each group. Students with a GPA of at least 3.0 and the required prerequisites may take graduate courses (numbered 800 and above) with the approval of their advisor or the program coordinator.

Code	Title	Units
ENGR 303	Engineering Thermodynamics	3
ENGR 426	Steel Structures	3
ENGR 427	Wood Structures	3
ENGR 431	Foundation Engineering	3
ENGR 432	Finite Element Methods in Structural and Continuum Mechanics	3
ENGR 435	Environmental Engineering Design	3
ENGR 439	Construction Engineering	3
ENGR 441	Fundamentals of Composite Materials	3
ENGR 461	Mechanical and Structural Vibrations	3
ENGR 468	Applied Fluid Mechanics and Hydraulics	3
ENGR 469	Alternative and Renewable Energy Systems	3
ENGR 610	Engineering Cost Analysis	3
ENGR 699	Independent Study	1-3
ENGR 826	Seismic Hazard Analysis	3
ENGR 827	Structural Design for Fire Safety	3
ENGR 829	Advanced Topics in Structural Engineering	3
ENGR 831	Advanced Concrete Structures	3
ENGR 832	Advanced Topics in Seismic Design	3
ENGR 833	Principles of Earthquake Engineering	3
ENGR 835	Advanced Steel Structures	3
ENGR 836	Structural Design for Earthquakes	3
ENGR 837	Geotechnical Earthquake Engineering	3

General Education Requirements

Requirement	Course Level	Units	Area Designation
Oral Communication	LD	3	A1
Written English Communication	LD	3	A2
Critical Thinking	LD	3	A3
Physical Science	LD	3	B1
Life Science	LD	3	B2
Lab Science	LD	1	B3
Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning	LD	3	B4
Arts	LD	3	C1
Humanities	LD	3	C2

Arts or Humanities	LD	3	C1 or C2
Social Sciences	LD	3	D1
Social Sciences: US History	LD	3	D2
Social Sciences: US & CA Government	LD	3	D3
Lifelong Learning and Self-Development (LLD)	LD	3	E
Physical and/or Life Science	UD	3	UD-B
Arts and/or Humanities	UD	3	UD-C
Social Sciences	UD	3	UD-D

SF State Studies

Courses certified as meeting the SF State Studies requirements may be upper or lower division in General Education (GE), a major or minor, or an elective.

American Ethnic and Racial Minorities	LD or UD	3	AERM
Environmental Sustainability	LD or UD	3	ES
Global Perspectives	LD or UD	3	GP
Social Justice	LD or UD	3	SJ

Note: LD = Lower-Division; UD = Upper-Division.

First-Time Student Roadmap (4 Year)

Find the correct roadmap (A, B, C, or D):

1. Select the row that matches your English Course choice for A2.*
2. Select the column that matches your QR Category (found at your student center under Math Alert).
3. Click the Roadmap that lines up with your row and column.

For example, if you are taking ENG 104 as your first English course and your student center math alert says you are QR Category III, you should choose Roadmap D.

Pathway	QR Cat I/II	QR Cat III/IV
ENG 114	Roadmap A	Roadmap C
ENG 104/ENG 105	Roadmap B	Roadmap D

*Composition for Multilingual Students: If taking ENG 209 as your first English course, choose the ENG 114 row. If taking ENG 204 for your first English course, choose the ENG 104/ENG 105 row.

General Advising Information for Transfer Students

1. Before transfer, complete as many lower-division requirements or electives for this major as possible.
2. The following courses are not required for admission but are required for graduation. Students are strongly encouraged to complete these

units before transfer; doing so will provide more flexibility in course selection after transfer.

- a course in U.S. History
- a course in U.S. & California Government

For information about satisfying the requirements described in (1) and (2) above at a California Community College (CCC), please visit <http://www.assist.org>. Check any geographically accessible CCCs; sometimes options include more than one college. Use ASSIST to determine:

- Which courses at a CCC satisfy any lower-division major requirements for this major;
- Which courses at a CCC satisfy CSU GE, US History, and US & CA Government.

Remedial courses are not transferable and do not apply to the minimum 60 units/90 quarters required for admission.

Additional units for courses that are repeated do not apply to the minimum 60 units required for upper-division transfer (for example, if a course was not passed on the first attempt or was taken to earn a better grade).

Before leaving the last California Community College of attendance, obtain a summary of completion of lower-division General Education units (IGETC or CSU GE Breadth). This is often referred to as a GE certification worksheet. SF State does not require delivery of this certification to Admissions, but students should retain this document for verifying degree progress after transfer.

Credit for Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, or College-Level Examination Program courses: AP/IB/CLEP credit is not automatically transferred from the previous institution. Units are transferred only when an official score report is delivered to SF State. Credit is based on the academic year during which exams were taken. Refer to the University Bulletin in effect during the year of AP/IB/CLEP examination(s) for details regarding the award of credit for AP/IB/CLEP.

Students pursuing majors in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) disciplines often defer 6-9 units of lower-division general education in Areas C and D until after transfer to focus on preparation courses for the major. This advice does not apply to students pursuing associate degree completion before transfer.

Transferring From Institutions Other Than CCCs or CSUs

Review SF State's lower-division General Education requirements. Note that, as described below, the four basic skills courses required for admission meet A1, A2, A3, and B4 in the SF State GE pattern. Courses that fulfill the remaining areas of SF State's lower-division GE pattern are available at most two-year and four-year colleges and universities.

Of the four required basic skills courses, a course in critical thinking (GE A3) may not be widely offered outside the CCC and CSU systems. Students should attempt to identify and take an appropriate course no later than the term of application to the CSU. To review more information about the A3 requirement, please visit <http://bulletin.sfsu.edu/undergraduate-education/general-education/lower-division/#AAEL>.

Waiting until after transfer to take a single course at SF State that meets both US and CA/local government requirements may be an appropriate option, particularly if transferring from outside of California.

All Students Must Meet the Transfer Eligibility Requirements Outlined Below for Admission.

For more information, visit the [Undergraduate Admissions section](#).

- Complete 60 or more transferable semester units or 90 or more quarter units
- Earn a college grade point average of 2.0 or better in all transferable courses. Non-local area residents may be held to a higher GPA standard.
- Be in good standing at the last college or university attended
- Complete 30-semester units (45-quarter units) of general education, including four basic skills courses:
 - a. One course in oral communication (same as CSU GE Area A1)
 - b. One course in written composition (same as CSU GE Area A2)
 - c. One course in critical thinking (same as CSU GE Area A3)
 - d. One course in mathematics or quantitative reasoning (same as CSU GE Area B4)
- The four basic skills courses and a minimum of 60 transferable semester units (90-quarter units) must be completed by the spring semester prior to fall admission, or by the fall semester prior to spring admission. Earn a "C-" or better grade in each basic skills course.