new ways of thinking may be harder for some individuals than covering such courses, a more comprehensive approach and the first exposure to courses to be more demanding than advanced, specialized courses. In fact, it should be noted, too, that some students find introductory work. Upper division courses typically include a statement that indicates upper, graduate) correlate with more difficult and challenging academic requirements. It may be assumed that advances in division level (lower, graduate courses (units and grades earned will not count towards graduation requirements) Professional level courses offered for Continuing Education Units (CEUs); may neither be applied to nor substituted for graduation requirements.

Paired Courses
It is the policy of the university to permit individual departments or program areas to develop advanced undergraduate and graduate level courses with virtually identical subject matter and to offer them in a paired arrangement with a single instructor and a common meeting schedule. The mechanism of pairing graduate and advanced undergraduate courses is a means of facilitating programs or circumstances where limited resources otherwise would require that the quality of one program be sacrificed to maintain the quality of the other.

Special Course Numbers
For uniformity, certain types of courses have been listed by all departments and colleges with the same numbers:

- 699 and 899 are used for undergraduate and graduate independent study
- 893 for written creative works
- 894 for creative work projects
- 895 for field study or research projects
- 896 for directed reading
- 897 for graduate research
- 898 for master’s thesis

Experimental and Temporary Courses
All departments are authorized to offer experimental or temporary courses. These are not specifically described in the Bulletin. Descriptions may be obtained from the online Bulletin when such courses appear in the Class Schedule. The numbers 274, 277, 674, 677, 874, and 877 are used by all departments to designate lower division, upper division, and graduate levels, respectively. The standard Bulletin description for these courses is:

274/277 Exploration in (name of discipline): (subtitle specifying content) (1–6)
A course involving exploration of a major problem or theme or an experimental method of instruction, with variable content as specified in the course subtitle in the Class Schedule. May be repeated for credit when different content is involved.
Remedial Instruction and Non-Credit Courses
Courses numbered 0–99 are remedial courses. Units and grades earned will not count towards meeting graduation requirements.

International Study Courses
San Francisco State University provides the opportunity for students enrolled in the California State University International Programs to receive credit for special study or for subjects taken at universities abroad. For details of the program, consult the International Programs page. The numbers 292, 492, and 792 are used to designate lower division, upper division, and graduate levels, respectively.

292 Projects in Study Abroad (subject to be designated by Overseas Resident Director, International Programs) (1–3)
Prerequisite: consent of major advisor. Open only to students in California State University International Programs. May be repeated for credit when different subjects are involved.

Independent Study
Under independent study courses, upper division and graduate students can pursue topics or problems of special interest beyond the scope of a regular course under the supervision of a faculty advisor. The work is of a research or creative nature, and normally culminates in a paper, project, comprehensive examination, or performance. Before registering, the student must have the topic approved by the instructor who will be supervising the independent study, as well as by the advisor and the department chair. (Forms are available in department offices and online at sfsu.edu/~admisrec/reg/reg.html.) The course numbers for independent study are 699 and 899. In most cases, independent study courses may be repeated for credit. Check the description for limitations.

Methods of Instruction
The forms and methods of teaching vary widely in specific classes. The more traditional methods of lecturing, discussion, laboratory work, and individually supervised research or projects are being supplemented by such learning resources as group and individual exercises, television, films and records, videotaping, and the use of the computer. Modern specialized facilities and equipment are used in many courses in different fields. These include: laboratories for teaching the sciences, a planetarium, studios for teaching the fine arts; a variety of facilities for teaching communications; a language laboratory for teaching foreign languages and linguistics courses; a speech and hearing clinic; the Tiburon Center for Environmental Studies; the Moss Landing Marine Laboratories; the Sierra Nevada Field Campus.

San Francisco State University encourages experimentation and innovation in teaching and welcomes a diversity of approaches. Increasingly and with growing help from students, efforts are being made on the campus to examine, evaluate, and improve the learning experiences.