SF State offers students support in their coursework through tutoring, academic support programs, and individual conferences with instructors. There is no fee for SF State students for most options.

Faculty Office Hours

All faculty maintain regular office hours and they encourage students to meet with them. Meeting with instructors can help students answer questions, solve problems, prepare for tests, figure out how to do assignments, find additional help if needed, and even plan academic and career goals.

Students can find out about faculty office hours from the instructor, course syllabus, department offices, or websites. If students would like to meet with instructors individually, it is best to arrange an appointment in advance.

Tutoring Support

Department-Based Tutoring

Academic departments are possible sources of tutoring. For example, the following departments have offered academic support in the past: Accounting, Decision Sciences, Economics, Finance, Mathematics, and Philosophy (Critical Thinking). Check with particular departments to find out if they offer tutoring. Consult the SF State home page directory for department office locations and websites.

Course-Based Tutoring

For many courses, instructors have student assistants who can work with students on their coursework. Students should take the opportunity to get to know these assistants—ask questions about course material or assignments and, if appropriate, set up tutoring time.