ACADEMIC CHECKLIST

This is a summary of the SF State graduation requirements and restrictions. Detailed explanations of each requirement are included in this section of the (bulletin.sfsu.edu/undergraduate-education/general-education)Bulletin. Use this list to check your progress.

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Entry Level Requirements

• Composition for Multilingual Students Placement Test (CMSPT)
• Directed Self-Placement (DSP)

Unit Requirements

• Minimum units required to graduate:
  B.A. = 120-semester units minimum
  B.S. = 120–132-semester units minimum
• Residence Requirement: 30 units minimum at SF State, including 24 units upper-division, 12 units in the major (lower or upper-division), and 9 units of upper-division General Education coursework.
• Upper-Division Requirement: 40 units minimum, including 24 units at SF State, and 9 units in General Education.

Maximum Unit Restrictions

• Maximum Units for Community College Work: 70 units
• Maximum Units by Examination or Evaluation: 30 units
• Maximum Units CR/NC: 30% of total units earned at SF State. See major department for further restrictions.
• Maximum Units in One Semester: 19 units (Written approval must be received to exceed the 19 unit limit).
• Maximum Units for Courses Numbered “685” and Titled “Projects in Teaching…” That may be Applied to the Baccalaureate Degree: 4 units.

Grade Point Average

• Minimum Grade Point Average: 2.0 in all college work, in SF State work, and in the major.

Major Requirements

• Refer to Academic Programs (bulletin.sfsu.edu/programs) section of this Bulletin.

Minor (optional except for Journalism majors)/Second Major

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General Education Requirements – 48 units minimum

• Special requirements apply to each Area of the GE Program. Transfer students are subject to different GE requirements than are students admitted to SF State as first-time freshmen. See the GE section of this bulletin for specific policies and course requirements.

Area A: English Language Communication and Critical Thinking – 12 units minimum

• A1: Oral Communication – 3 units
• A2: Written English Communication I – 3 units

Area B: Scientific Inquiry and Quantitative Reasoning – 9 units minimum

• B1: Physical Science – 3 units
• B2: Life Science – 3 units
• B3: Laboratory Science – 0-1 units
• B4: Quantitative Reasoning – 3 units

Area C: Arts and Humanities – 9 units minimum

• C1: Arts
• C2: Humanities
• C3: Humanities: Literature

Area D: Social Sciences – 9 units minimum

• D1: Social Sciences
• D2: Social Sciences: US History
• D3: Social Sciences: US & CA Government

Area E: Lifelong Learning and Self-Development – 0–3 units

Upper Division General Education – 9 units minimum

• The upper division general education requirement is satisfied by taking one 3 unit course in each of the three domains of knowledge: Physical/Life Sciences (UD-B), Arts/Humanities (UD-C), and Social Sciences (UD-D). The courses must be taken at SF State during or after the semester in which upper-division standing is achieved (60 units).

SF State Studies Requirements – 0–12 units

• All students must complete at least one course (in general education, a major, a minor, a certificate, complementary studies, or an elective) that is designated in each of four areas. The areas are American Ethnic and Racial Minorities (AERM), Environmental Sustainability (ES), Global Perspectives (GP) and Social Justice (SJ). It is expected that most students will not have to take additional courses to meet these requirements, but that they will be met with the courses they take for their degree. Students studying abroad can petition to have the Global Perspectives area of the SF State Studies requirement met with a study abroad course.

Complementary Studies: Bachelor of Arts Degrees – 12 units minimum

• Bachelor of Arts students must complete at least 12 units of Complementary Studies outside of the primary prefix for the major. Students who complete two majors or a major and a minor automatically complete the Complementary Studies requirement. Students earning Bachelor of Music or Bachelor of Science degrees do not have to complete the Complementary Studies requirement. Details about Complementary Studies can be found in the Bulletin description for each B.A. degree. Students who have earned AA-T or AS-T degrees and are pursuing a similar B.A. degree (http://ueap.sfsu.edu/articulation/roadmaps) at SF State are required to fulfill the Complementary Studies requirement as defined by the major department. These students should consult with a major advisor about how transfer units and/or SF State units can best be applied to this requirement to ensure degree completion within 60 units.