TOP REASONS TO TAKE SUMMER CLASSES

🌟 Complete first-year English and math (GE Areas A2 and B4)
These priority courses should be completed by the end of your first year. Other priority GE areas to consider for summer session are A1: Oral Communication and A3: Critical Thinking (Note for Engineering majors: A3 will be satisfied by major requirements).

🌟 Complete at least 30 units by the end of the year
To graduate in 4 years, plan to average 30 units a year including summer. Taking summer courses can help you stay on track if you take less than 15 units per semester (i.e. 12 units in fall, 12 units in spring, 6 units in summer).

🌟 Continue major sequence of lower division math and science courses
For many STEM majors, moving through the major course sequence relies on completion of prerequisites. Taking these courses in summer opens up more course choices in fall and moves you closer to graduation.

Summer Session is optional and provides an opportunity to graduate more quickly. Most students take 1-2 classes and we offer 4 sessions of various lengths.

Take CSU transferable courses that meet GE and/or major requirements. When available, view the summer schedule for course availability and apply through the college’s website.

SF State has course equivalency information for some institutions; however, if the course isn’t listed, we can’t guarantee it will meet SF State requirements.

DATES AND DEADLINES

Check the Registrar’s website and the University Calendar for important dates and deadlines.

3/1 California Dream Act Application Assistance (RSVP here)
3/2 Priority deadline for 2021-2022 FAFSA or CA Dream Act Application
3/15 Summer 2021 Class Schedule available
3/22 - 3/26 Spring Break
3/31 Cesar Chavez Day (Campus Closed)
**SUMMER OPTIONS**

**TAKE A SUMMER COURSE**

**AT SF STATE**

1. Review your Degree Requirements Report (DPR) for requirements to complete.
2. Use the Class Schedule or Gator Scheduler to search for Summer 2021 classes starting March 15th.
3. Choose 1-2 classes and load your Shopping Cart. If eligible for financial aid, you must take at least 6 units.
4. Enroll at your Student Center starting April 5th. View session unit limits and dates at the Registrar’s website.
5. Pay fees by the deadline. Look out for info from the Financial Aid office (i.e. email, To Do List item) to determine if summer aid is available.

**AT A CA COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

1. Review your Degree Requirements Report (DPR) for requirements to complete.
2. Use assist.org to find CSU transferable courses that meet GE and/or major requirements.
3. Check the community college’s summer schedule (when available) for course availability.
4. Apply online and follow the college’s enrollment steps (may include placement tests, advising, etc.).
5. Send an official transcript to SF State Admissions once coursework is complete. To confirm we received and processed it, check your Transfer Credit Report.

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**FIND COMMUNITY COLLEGE COURSES THAT MEET GE AND MAJOR REQUIREMENTS**

Use assist.org to find California community college courses that meet your GE or major requirements, then check the community college’s summer schedule (when available) for course availability.

If you need assistance or would like someone to double check your selections, you are welcome to schedule an appointment or meet with your advisor during their designated drop-in hours.

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**SEARCH FOR MAJOR REQUIREMENTS**

After setting up Assist, select View Agreements. Choose your major and select view or download agreement to see if the college offers major course equivalents.

**SEARCH FOR GE REQUIREMENTS**

Set up Assist and under Transferable Courses at..., select:

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View or download the course list. Avoid courses with a term indicated in the "Date Removed" column (right side).
GET CONNECTED AT SF STATE

Find more involvement opportunities:
GatorXperience  First Year Experience Virtual Events  FroshMemo

First-Year Experience Events for first-year freshmen (RSVP required)
FYE Spoken Word, Poetry, and Coffee Social - 3/3/21
Game Night: Among Us - 3/18/21

Career Services & Leadership Development Workshops (RSVP required)
Employer Table Talk (spring job and internship opportunities) - 3/3/21
Is Grad School Right For Me? - 3/4/21
Virtual Job Search - 3/30/21

Division of Equity and Inclusion Events (RSVP required - Click here for event/RSVP information and more opportunities)
Men of Color Mentorship Program - 3/1/21, 3/9/21, and 3/17/21
LGBTQ+ and Questioning Support Group - Every Tuesday
Dream Scholars Talking Circles - 3/17/21

Health Promotions & Wellness Resources (RSVP required)
Lunch & Learn: Housing Advocacy and Resources - 3/2/21
Zzz to A’s Sleep Management Workshop - 3/3/21

UNDECLARED STUDENTS OR CHANGING MAJORS

Wondering when you should declare or change your major?

Your first year is a great time to get familiar with majors at SF State. Once you decide on a major, it’s best to declare as soon as possible so you can track major requirements on your Degree Progress Report (DPR) and receive communications from your department and future advisors.

Some majors are impacted which means you have to meet certain criteria before you can declare or apply to the major. Most majors are not impacted so you can declare at any time as long as you have a minimum 2.0 GPA.

If you have questions or would like to discuss the majors you have in mind, schedule an appointment with your academic advisor.

HOW TO MAKE CONNECTIONS BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Find ways to connect that align with who you are and what you want to get out of your experience at SF State. These are some ideas to help customize your college experience:

✓ Connect with peers
Find people to travel alongside you on your journey to graduation. If you want to connect with peers beyond the classroom, you can choose from hundreds of student organizations that reflect the diversity of our campus community or check out virtual experiences offered by Campus Recreation this semester. First-year freshmen can also connect with peer mentors by joining FYE Study Circles.

✓ Seek job, internship, and volunteer opportunities
Develop new skills and explore potential career interests. Use Handshake to find campus jobs and internships or connect with the Institute for Civic and Community Engagement for academic internship and service-learning opportunities.

✓ Attend campus events that speak to your interests or goals
Find events using GatorXperience and the University Calendar. First-year freshmen can also check FYE Virtual Events and the FroshMemo.

✓ Continue to learn about yourself and others
Look for opportunities to take in new experiences or ideas outside of the classroom whether it’s tuning in for Health Tip Tuesdays or attending a social justice event from the Division of Equity and Inclusion.

✓ Get to know faculty
Connect with professors during office hours and keep in touch once the semester ends as they can be a source of guidance and support in the future. Learn about their work outside of the classroom (i.e. research projects, professional activities) and ask about their experiences. You may have more in common than you think.