



INFORMATION ABOUT SF STATE SCHOLAR PROGRAM IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

The Political Science SF State Scholars program provides an accelerated route for students to enter a competitive workforce in government, law, business, and teaching, and/or to better prepare them for more advanced graduate training in doctoral programs and law schools. Start your graduate work while still an undergrad! Political Science SF State Scholars students will be able to begin their advanced degrees early, allowing them to spend more time on specialized research, work more closely with SF State faculty, and save money and time covering the costs of an MA degree. The program may be done part time or full time.

Admission eligibility:

- Students must apply to the program before they complete 90-105 semester units (consult with our advisors).
- Students must have a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA or 3.0 GPA in the last 60 semester units.
- Students must not be declared in another major or second baccalaureate.
- Students may complete all GE lower division requirements before applying for an SF State Scholar program.
- 18 units of core PLSI major coursework (must include PLSI 200, PLSI 250 OR PLSI 275, PLSI 300/304 or their transfer equivalents, PLSI 302GWAR and one upper-division PLSI class) with cumulative PLSI GPA of 3.5 or above, and overall GPA of 3.0 or above.
- Typically, students would apply junior year, though students may apply as soon as they have finished the designated coursework.
- Students must have a PLSI tenured or tenure-track faculty sponsor to submit an application. The sponsor should have taught the student in an upper division PLSI class. This does not require a letter, but the faculty member needs to be willing to testify to the applicant's ability to succeed in the program and their commitment to work with the student through the completion of the MA.

Criteria for Student Continuation and Transition to graduate status:

- Minimum 3.3 cumulative PLSI GPA including graduate coursework to transition to graduate status. Progress toward degree required.
- PLSI 700 must be taken first fall semester student admitted to the blended program. Minimum 6 units per semester.
- While in undergraduate status, students may only count 15 units toward their master's degree.

Application Process:

- Complete the SF State Scholars Application
- Submit application, written statements, and unofficial transcripts to plsi@sfsu.edu
- We will accept applications on a rolling basis.



Admission to SF State Scholar Programs

Student and Program Information

Name: _____ Student ID #: _____

E-mail: _____ Phone: _____

Bachelor's Major: _____ Master's Program: _____

- Total undergraduate degree applicable units completed to date: _____
• Current Overall GPA: _____ Last 60 semester units GPA: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Faculty Sponsor - Must be a faculty member (Tenured/Tenure Track) in the degree program. Complete the Planned Course of SF State Scholar Program with the applicant from the first semester in which the applicant begins the SF State Scholar Program.

Supporting Faculty Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

All signatures below are required in order to process your application for review. The completed original form should be forwarded by the department to Graduate Studies (ADM 250).

DEPARTMENT CHAIR/UNIT DIRECTOR OR SF SCHOLARS COORDINATOR

Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

- Approved
Denied

GRADUATE DEAN OR DESIGNEE

Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

- Approved
Denied

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Transition Evaluations to Graduate Status

<Transition procedures are still under development>

1. After being admitted to the SF State Scholars Program. Students will need abide to the following academic standards during the:

- Overall cumulative GPA 3.0 or above
- GPA 3.0 or above in the last 60 semester units

If students do not meet the academic standards listed above, students will fall subject to being discontinued from the SF State Scholar Program.

2. Upon completion of the following requirements, the status of students in SF State Scholar programs will be transitioned to classified post-baccalaureate, and students will be informed of their degree objective changes. If a student does not meet these requirements, he/she will be disenrolled from the SF State Scholar program and regain the undergraduate status to be able to complete their Bachelors.

- Completion of undergraduate degree and University requirements (e.g., degree applicable 120 units, GE, GWAR, SF Studies) by the end of the semester in which the student's degree objective change to post-baccalaureate.
- Overall or last 60 units of with a GPA of 3.0 or higher, with B or higher in all graduate courses taken during undergraduate programs.
- Not declared in another major or second baccalaureate.
- Meet department admission/transition to graduate requirements for graduate programs
- Apply for undergraduate graduation and complete the "SF State Scholars Baccalaureate Degree Review Application".

3. Students can continue to take undergraduate classes after transitioning to graduate status. However, no lower division classes taken in graduate status will count towards the undergraduate degree. Students will pay post-baccalaureate tuition and campus fees. If, for any reason, the student wishes to switch back to undergraduate status, the difference in fees will not be refunded.

4. Students will be charged the undergraduate tuition fee only during the time in which they have earned fewer than degree applicable 120 semester units.

5. Students who wish to opt out of the program must inform the Division of Graduate Studies in writing.

6. Optional Practical Training (OPT) for international students will be only available for a maximum of 12-15 month. Please consult with the Office of International Programs.

7. Apply for Award of Degree: Students must submit all required forms and documents to Graduate Studies with the indicated approval signatures:

- Working and Final Planned Course of SF State Scholar Program
- Advancement To Candidacy (Graduate degree coursework only)
- Proposal for Culminating Experience (PCE)
- Report of Completion or Thesis Receipt
- Graduation Application Forms

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