GENERAL EDUCATION FOR UNDERGRADUATES
For first-time freshmen entering SF State Fall 2014 or later
SF State Studies consists of four important areas of inquiry that are highly valued on our campus. Students take at least one course in each area; these may be lower or upper division, in GE, the major, minor, or an elective. The same course may fulfill more than one area.

**Area A**
English Language Communication and Critical Thinking

**Area B**
Scientific Inquiry and Quantitative Reasoning

**Area C**
Arts and Humanities

**Area D**
Social Sciences

**Area E**
Lifelong Learning and Self-Development (LLD)

General Education is intended to provide the knowledge, skills, experiences, and perspectives that will enable SF State students to expand their capacities; to take part in a wide range of human interests and activities; to confront personal, cultural, moral, and social problems that are an inevitable part of human life; and to cultivate both the requisite skills and enthusiasm for lifelong learning.

Students can fulfill Lifelong Learning and Self-Development while completing General Education, major, or minor requirements.
General Education Pattern for First-time Freshmen
Students must complete a minimum of 48 units of GE with at least one course approved in each area.

### English Language Communication and Critical Thinking
- Oral Communication (A1) (3 Units)
- Written Communication I (A2) (3 Units)
- Critical Thinking (A3) (3 Units)
- Written Communication II (A4) (3 Units)

### Scientific Inquiry and Quantitative Reasoning
- Physical Sciences (B1) (3 Units)
- Life Sciences (B2) (3 Units)
- Physical or Life Sciences Lab (B3) (0-1 Units)
- Math/Quantitative Reasoning (B4) (3 Units)

### Arts and Humanities
Students must complete at least one class each in C1 and C3 and a third course in either C1 or C2.
- Creative Arts (C1) (3 Units)
- Humanities (C2) (3 Units)
- Humanities: Literature (C3) (3 Units)

### Social Sciences
- Social Sciences (D1) (3 Units)
- US History (D2) (3 Units)
- US/CA Government (D3) (3 Units)

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**Upper Division General Education**

Prerequisites: upper division standing by the end of the semester the course is taken, and a C- or better in an Area A4 course.

- Upper division Physical/Life Science (UD-B) (3 Units)
- Upper division Arts/Humanities (UD-C) (3 Units)
- Upper division Social Science (UD-D) (3 Units)

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**Lifelong Learning and Self-Development (LLD/E)** (0-3 Units)

This brochure does not apply to students who have AP, IB, CLEP or transfer credit.