

LIBERAL & CREATIVE ARTS



The Certificate in **Liberal & Creative Arts** exposes students to a wide variety of themes in arts, humanities and social sciences. This program consists of 24 – 30 units of course work. It is designed to provide international students or those taking a gap year with broad exposure to a U.S. university education. It may also meet certain study abroad requirements. Students earn credits they can transfer to their home university or apply to future SF State degree study.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Explore new disciplines: Choose from a variety of elective courses in media arts, humanities, social sciences and creative and performing arts.

Immerse yourself in arts and culture: Study in San Francisco, a cosmopolitan and innovative center of visual and performing arts.

Optional Practical Training (OPT): The program offers international students the opportunity to work up to one full year in the United States after nine months of full-time study.

PATHWAY TO OPTIONAL PRACTICAL TRAINING (OPT)

9 months of full-time study

Semester 1:
Certificate Program
Full-time Study



Semester 2:
Certificate Program
Full-time Study



Optional Practical Training
Up to 12 Months

OPT:
Work up to
one full year!



ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR INTERNATIONAL CERTIFICATE STUDENTS

- At least a high school diploma or GED equivalent with a minimum 2.0 GPA
- Official transcripts/diplomas/graduation certificates from all schools, with certified English translations required for each document issued in a non-English language
- Minimum TOEFL iBT 61, IELTS 6.0 or the equivalent*
- Financial statement showing at least one academic year of tuition and living expenses (see below)

* See English Proficiency Requirement at cpage.sfsu.edu/global/english-proficiency

CERTIFICATE APPLICATION DEADLINES*

Fall Semester: May 15

Spring Semester: November 15

**Late applications will be considered. Students will be accepted on a space-available basis.*

PROGRAM FEES AND COST OF LIVING

| CERTIFICATE PROGRAM | PROGRAM TUITION (24 – 30 UNITS) | ANNUAL LIVING EXPENSES** | TOTAL FEES |
|--|------------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Certificate in Liberal & Creative Arts | \$13,440 – \$16,800* | \$28,721 | \$42,161 – \$45,521 |

**Program costs are based on the number of units and may vary*

***Estimated costs for one academic year (two terms), and subject to change*

Certificate students pay the following tuition and mandatory fees per semester:

Tuition: \$395 per unit x number of units enrolled

Mandatory fees: \$165 per unit x number of units enrolled

Mandatory Fees Include:

- A robust orientation program
- Personalized advising services
- Course registration assistance to ensure you are on track to complete certificate
- Free enrollment in Living in San Francisco, an experiential course where you immerse yourself in the geographic, historical and environmental, sociocultural and political context of the Bay Area
- An activities program with:
 - Outdoor recreation, cultural events and sports
 - Visits to San Francisco neighborhoods famous for their unique culture, arts, music, food, businesses and more
 - Guest speakers from local industries

