



INFORMATION ABOUT SF STATE SCHOLAR PROGRAM IN ACCOUNTING

The SF State Scholar Program in Accounting is a combined program that awards both the Bachelor of Science in Business Administration (BSBA with Concentration in Accounting) and the Master of Science in Accountancy (MSA).

- Students will receive both BSBA and MSA degrees when they complete each degree's requirements
 - BSBA degree will be awarded in a semester immediately prior to transitioning into the graduate program after all BSBA degree requirements are satisfied
 - MSA degree will be separately awarded when all MSA degree requirements are completed
 - Students will be able to attend both (i.e., BSBA and MSA) University-wide (as well as Accounting Department) graduations
 - Students will need to apply for 2 graduations separately
- To receive both degrees, students will need to complete all BSBA degree requirements and **10 graduate courses (i.e., 30 semester units)**.
 - Before transitioning into the graduate program, students will need to complete all BSBA degree requirements
- Once admitted, students may take UP TO 4 graduate courses during the undergraduate program and will take the remaining graduate courses after transitioning into the graduate program
 - Students should seek advising about individual course planning
 - Students enrolling in graduate courses during the undergraduate program will be assessed at the undergraduate tuition and fee rate
- After being admitted, students must maintain UNDERGRADUATE standing at least for 2 semesters (i.e., Fall 2023 and Spring 2024) before transitioning into the graduate program
 - **If admitted, 1st semester as Accounting SF State Scholar will be Fall 2023**
 - **Earliest semester students receive BSBA degree would be at the end of Spring 2024 (i.e., *if students plan to graduate from the BSBA program in Fall 2022, Spring 2023, or Summer 2023, they would NOT be eligible*)**
- Students must maintain GRADUATE standing at least for 2 semesters after transitioning into the graduate program
 - **Earliest semester students receive MSA degree would be at the end of Spring 2025 (if transitioned into the graduate program in Fall 2024)**

• **Tuition information**

- While in the undergraduate program, students will pay undergraduate full-time or part-time tuition based on the total number of enrolled semester units (considering both undergraduate courses and graduate courses). Non-residents, including international students, pay additional non-resident tuition fees. This tuition applies to the graduate courses (up to 4) taken in the undergraduate program.
- After transitioning into a graduate program, students will be assessed at the graduate tuition and fee rate. (Note that the graduate tuition and fee structure is different from the undergraduate tuition and fee structure)
 - Example 1: In Fall 2023, a CA resident graduate student who enrolls in **12 units of graduate accounting and business courses** would pay **\$8,921** for tuition and fees. If that same student were a non-resident (including international), the tuition and fees would be **\$13,673**.
 - Example 2: In Fall 2023, a CA resident graduate student who enrolls in **6 units of graduate accounting and business courses** would pay **\$5,295** for tuition and fees. If that same student were a non-resident (including international), the tuition and fees would be **\$7,671**.
 - Note that tuition and fees above are based on Fall 2023 information and subject to future increases (<https://bulletin.sfsu.edu/fees-financial-aid/fees-expenses/#graduatescheduleoffeestext> and <https://bulletin.sfsu.edu/fees-financial-aid/fees-expenses/>).

• **Financial Aid**

Please contact the Financial Aid office regarding financial aid for SF State Scholar Program in Accounting.



FEATURES AND ADVANTAGES OF SF STATE SCHOLAR PROGRAM IN ACCOUNTING

The SF State Scholar Program in Accounting has following features and advantages.

- Short-cut to earn MSA degree
 - By spending 1 additional year (with careful course planning), students can earn MSA degree in addition to BSBA degree.
 - In contrast, typical regular MSA students usually spend 18-24 months to earn MSA degree alone.
- “Accounting Study” educational requirement for CA CPA License is automatically fulfilled with MSA degree
 - Moreover, all courses taken during MSA program will count toward other CA CPA Exam and License educational requirements.
- Thus, Accounting SF State Scholars are highly likely to satisfy all CA CPA Exam and License educational requirements upon completion of MSA program (in addition to BSBA degree).
 - **Recently, CPA firms have great interest in hiring students who satisfy all CA CPA Exam and License educational requirements BEFORE joining**
- Cost saving
 - Students enrolling in graduate courses during the undergraduate program will be assessed at the **UNDERGRADUATE tuition and fee rate.**
 - Thus, most students can **save \$5,000** (based on Fall 2023 tuition information) **in pursuing MSA degree** if they take 4 graduate courses during the undergraduate program (compared to regular MSA students).
- Relatively easier application process than regular MSA program
 - **GMAT/GRE waived**
 - **Recommendation letters waived**
 - **NO application fees**
 - **NO personal statement**



**SF STATE SCHOLAR PROGRAM IN ACCOUNTING (BSBA & MSA)
APPLICATION INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS**

Please read the following information and instructions VERY CAREFULLY before completing the application for the SF State Scholar Program in Accounting.

“MINIMUM” ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS TO APPLY:

- 1) Accounting major (i.e., *if students have other majors in addition to Accounting (i.e., students with multiple majors), they are NOT eligible*)
- 2) 3.0 or above GPA
- 3) Completion of “ACCT 100 (or transfer grade) and ACCT 101 (or transfer grade) with B- or above”
- 4) Completion of “ACCT 301 with B- or above”
 - *Students taking ACCT 301 in Spring 2023 are ELIGIBLE to apply as long as other requirements are satisfied*
 - *For students taking ACCT 301 in Spring 2023, admission recommendation decisions will be made after Spring 2023 grades become available*
- 5) Have NOT applied for graduation from BSBA (i.e., undergraduate) program
- 6) Apply before completion of 90-105 semester units (i.e., **up to 105 combined total earned semester units as of the beginning of Fall 2023**)*** and before enrolling in a senior capstone course
- 7) Fluency in spoken and written English
- 8) Effective communication skills
- 9) Immediate response to communications from the Accounting Department and/or the University before and after being admitted to the SF State Scholar Program

Note 1: Meeting minimum requirements does NOT guarantee admission.

Note 2: After being admitted, students must maintain UNDERGRADUATE standing at least for 2 semesters (Fall 2023 and Spring 2024) before transitioning into the graduate program

Note 3: Students must maintain GRADUATE standing at least for 2 semesters after transitioning into the graduate program

Note 4 *: The 90-105 semester units (in #6) are required by the University. However, the University is rather flexible in this requirement. Thus, we encourage students to apply REGARDLESS of their number of completed semester units as long as they meet all other eligibility requirements. Note, however, that there is a possibility that final admission may be denied by the University if the number of completed semester units is too high, although all other requirements are satisfied. For details, please contact the faculty admission coordinator (mchen11@sfsu.edu).**

Application Instructions and Admission Information

- 1) The “MINIMUM” eligibility requirements must be met.
- 2) All application items listed in “APPLICATION CHECKLIST” below must be E-MAILED to acctscholar@sfsu.edu by 11:59 pm on April 28, 2023 (Friday).
- 3) Admission decisions will be made in 2 steps: (i) the Accounting Department will recommend for admission and (ii) then, the University will make the final admission decisions.
- 4) If recommended for admission by the Accounting Department and requested, applicants must be able to attend an in-person advising on a designated date (TBA) before June 15, 2023.
(If an applicant does not respond to an advising request in a timely manner and/or does not attend an advising session, admission of that applicant will be denied immediately)
- 5) Decisions for admission recommendation by the Accounting Department will be made by June 2023 after Spring 2023 official grades become available.
- 6) Final admission decisions by the University will be made in the Summer of 2023.
- 7) If you have any questions or need advising regarding the Accounting SF State Scholar Program application, contact the faculty admission coordinator (mchen11@sfsu.edu).
(Please do NOT visit the CoB Student Success Center (BUS 112) for the Accounting SF State Scholar Program Application)
- 8) Zoom Information Sessions
2/24/2023 (Friday) 1:00pm-2:00pm
 (<https://sfsu.zoom.us/j/81935131244?pwd=cHQyWklGREVLRXYyQ2ttaWdFTzdMQT09>)
 (Meeting ID: 819 3513 1244 & Passcode: 940448)
3/31/2023 (Friday) 1:00pm-2:00pm
 (<https://sfsu.zoom.us/j/81935131244?pwd=cHQyWklGREVLRXYyQ2ttaWdFTzdMQT09>)
 (Meeting ID: 819 3513 1244 & Passcode: 940448)
4/28/2023 (Friday) 1:00pm-2:00pm
 (<https://sfsu.zoom.us/j/81935131244?pwd=cHQyWklGREVLRXYyQ2ttaWdFTzdMQT09>)
 (Meeting ID: 819 3513 1244 & Passcode: 940448)

APPLICATION CHECKLIST:

Please make sure to send all application items listed below in **ONE E-MAIL** to the faculty admission acctscholar@sfsu.edu by 11:59 pm on April 28, 2023 (Friday).

Application Items	Who
Completed “ Application Form for Accounting Department ” (Read very carefully and follow instructions provided before application)	All applicants
Resume (Include your roles in student groups and community services in any)	All applicants <i>(Prepare resume on your own)</i>

LATE submissions will NOT be accepted!!!
INCOMPLETE applications will NOT be accepted!!!
NO EXCEPTIONS for submission deadline and application items!!!

INSTRUCTIONS for ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT APPLICATION FORM

- 1) The form **MUST** be typed. (Handwritten application forms will **NOT** be accepted)
 - Should be able to type using the Adobe Reader (which is a **FREE** software). To get it, google "Adobe Reader".
- 2) **Do NOT scan the forms.** After typing, save and attach the forms to the application e-mail.
- 3) Fill out personal information in "Application Form for Accounting Department"
 - **SFSU E-mail: MUST include SFSU e-mail address (all communications will be sent to SFSU e-mail address)**
- 4) Fill out course grades, "Combined Cumulative GPA", and "Cumulative Number of Earned Credits" in "Application Form for Accounting Department".
 - For ACCT 100 and ACCT 101, use the course grade(s) from other institution(s) if you have transfer credits from other institution(s).
 - For the applicants taking ACCT 301 in Spring 2023, leave "ACCT 301 grade" **BLANK** but must include "ACCT 301 instructor name".
 - For "Combined Cumulative GPA" and "Cumulative Number of Earned Credits", consider all relevant grades up to Winter 2023.
 - ✓ **To fill in "Combined Cumulative GPA" and "Cumulative Number of Earned Credits", refer to below (from SFSU transcript)**

Term GPA		Term Totals	Units	Earned
SF State GPA		SF State Totals		
Combined Cum GPA	4.00	Combined Totals		100.00

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- **Applicants MUST satisfy all eligibility requirements based on all relevant grades up to Spring 2023, Summer 2023, or Fall 2023.**
 - ✓ *Applicants **MUST** satisfy all eligibility requirements based on all relevant grades up to Winter 2023.*
 - ✓ *The Accounting Department will recommend for admission based on all relevant grades up to **Summer 2023**, although students fill out the application form based on all relevant grades up to Spring 2023.*
 - ✓ *Thus, if applicants do **NOT** satisfy any of the eligibility requirements after all relevant grades up to **Summer 2023** are considered, admission recommendation will **NOT** be made to the University even if all requirements are satisfied based on all relevant grades up to Spring 2023.*

- ✓ *Also, the University may consider all relevant grades up to **Fall 2023** for **FINAL ADMISSION DECISIONS**.*
 - ✓ *Thus, if applicants do NOT satisfy any of the eligibility requirements after all relevant grades up to **Fall 2023** are considered, admission may be **DENIED** by the University even if recommended for admission by the Accounting Department.*
 - For “Expected Completion of BSBA (i.e., Undergraduate) Program”, include SEMESTER (i.e., Fall, Spring, or Summer) and YEAR students plan to graduate from BSBA (i.e., Undergraduate) Program at the time when they prepare this application form.
 - ✓ *Has to be **Spring 2024** or **AFTER**.*
 - ✓ *If students plan to graduate from **BSBA (i.e., Undergraduate) Program** in **Spring 2023, Summer 2023, or Fall 2023, they would NOT be eligible.***
- 5) Sign and date in “Application Form for Accounting Department”. For sign and date, please try electronically. If not working out electronically, leave BLANK.