

UNDERSTANDING OUR UNDERGRADUATE CURRICULUM



UNIVERSITY OF
SAN FRANCISCO

An American undergraduate degree encourages students to have a diverse, well-rounded experience in addition to their chosen major. At USF, all students choose one or more majors, complete USF's Core Curriculum requirements, and are also free to choose from a wide variety of elective courses. Each course can be 1 to 4 credits. A total of 128 credits (including all major, Core Curriculum, and elective credits) are required to graduate. For a student who wants to graduate within four years, this is an average of 16 credits per semester.

CORE CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS

(44 credits)

Our Core Curriculum gives students a broad introduction to different disciplines and ensures they share a common foundation of skills in areas like speaking and writing. All undergraduates must complete USF's Core Curriculum, regardless of major.

A: Foundations of Communication (8 credits total)

- ◆ Public Speaking
- ◆ Rhetoric & Language

B: Math and the Sciences (8 credits total)

- ◆ Math
- ◆ Science

C: Humanities (8 credits total)

- ◆ Literature
- ◆ History

D: Philosophy, Theology and Religious Studies, and Ethics (12 credits total)

E: Social Sciences (4 credits total)

F: Visual and Performing Arts (4 credits total)

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

(50 to 60 credits, depending on major)

These courses are required for a student's major. Usually, the first several classes are a basic introduction, while the advanced, upper-division courses are more specific to a student's emphasis or track.

ELECTIVES

(24 to 34 credits, depending on major)

These courses can be chosen freely from any discipline and allow students to explore other interests.

MINOR*

Students can minor in any of our 70+ minor programs to further develop their interests and expand their professional experiences.

DOUBLE MAJOR*

Many students choose to graduate with two majors while still graduating in four years.

*Not required but can count toward the 128-credit requirement.

SAMPLE CURRICULUM PLAN

The four-year plan below is an example of the courses a student would take to major in Finance. In this example, the student has satisfied all 44 credits for the Core Curriculum, plus all of the required credits for the Finance major. Note that some courses function as “double duty” in that they satisfy both a major requirement and a core requirement. The remaining credits can be used for a minor, a second major, or electives.

Please keep in mind the schedule below is an example only. Actual course offerings and credits may change from year to year.

| FIRST YEAR | FALL | | | SPRING | | |
|------------|----------------|------------------------------|---------|----------|------------------------------------|---------|
| | Category | Course | Credits | Category | Course | Credits |
| | Core | Rhetoric & Composition | 4 | Core | Rhetoric & Composition (continued) | 4 |
| | Core | Public Speaking | 4 | Major | Principles of Financial Accounting | 4 |
| | Core/ Major | Business Statistics | 4 | Major | Principles of Macroeconomics | 4 |
| | Core/ Major | Principles of Microeconomics | 4 | Core | Visual & Performing Arts | 4 |
| | Elective | Launch Into Business | 2 | | | |

| SECOND YEAR | FALL | | | SPRING | | |
|-------------|----------|-------------------------------------|---------|----------|--|---------|
| | Category | Course | Credits | Category | Course | Credits |
| | Core | Science | 4 | Core | Ethics | 4 |
| | Major | Quantitative Business Analysis | 4 | Major | Management and Organizational Dynamics | 4 |
| | Major | Principles of Managerial Accounting | 4 | Core | Literature | 4 |
| | Core | History | 4 | Major | Principles of Finance | 4 |
| | | | | Major | Applied Business Technology | 2 |

THIRD YEAR**FALL****SPRING**

| Category | Course | Credits | Category | Course | Credits |
|----------|------------------------------------|---------|----------|--|---------|
| Elective | Financial Institutions and Markets | 4 | Major | Business Law | 4 |
| Major | Systems in Organizations | 4 | Major | Investment Analysis | 4 |
| Core | Theology | 4 | Elective | Analysis of Global Business Conditions | 4 |
| Major | Marketing Principles | 4 | Elective | Game Theory | 4 |

FOURTH YEAR**FALL****SPRING**

| Category | Course | Credits | Category | Course | Credits |
|----------|------------------------------------|---------|----------|----------------|---------|
| Elective | Financial Statement Analysis | 4 | OPEN | Elective/minor | 4 |
| Core | Philosophy | 4 | OPEN | Elective/minor | 4 |
| Major | International Financial Management | 4 | OPEN | Elective/minor | 4 |
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EARNING ADVANCED CREDIT

Students can earn credit toward a bachelor's degree with AP, IB, or A/AS Level test scores, or with coursework from other universities.

International Baccalaureate (IB)

We will award 10 credits for each higher-level examination result of 4, 5, 6, or 7 (excluding English B). Students are not required to complete the IB Diploma to be eligible for advanced credit.

"A" and "AS" Levels

We will award 10 credits for each A Level examination result of A, B, C or D, and will award 5 credits for each AS Level examination result of A, B, C, or D.

College Board Advanced Placement (AP)

We will award 4 to 8 credits for AP examination subjects. The minimum score required, and the number of credits awarded, vary by subject.

University Coursework

Transfer students may be eligible to receive credit for university-level courses that were taken at recognized universities or colleges in the United States or abroad. The number of credits awarded varies and will be determined by USF based on the nature of the specific course.



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