

San Francisco State University Application Process

3+1+G MA Program in Developmental Psychology

Graduate Studies will issue an “invitation code” to applicants who are recruited to apply for the Fall 2019 semester. Prospective Applicants should prepare application materials in advance of receiving an invitation code.

Required Application Documents

Prepare the application documents listed now in advance of an invitation to apply to San Francisco State University.

Unofficial Transcripts

Prepare a legible PDF of English and Chinese versions your official academic record from your current university for upload to the Cal State Apply application system. The Division of Graduate Studies requires you to upload unofficial copies of transcripts from every college or university attended, including study abroad coursework and community college coursework even if transfer credit appears on your degree transcript. Upload all transcripts to the documents section of this application. The Division of Graduate Studies may request official transcripts from you at any time during the application process in order to complete our review. Photographs of documents are not accepted.

Resume/Curriculum Vitae

Prepare a current resume or CV in PDF or word document for upload to Cal State Apply

English Language Proficiency Score Report

You may upload unofficial English language proficiency score reports (TOEFL or IELTS). Students whose native language is not English and whose preparatory education was principally in a language other than English must submit an English language proficiency score report.

Personal Statement

The Psychology Department requires that you write a personal statement based on questions specific to the concentration for which you're applying. This personal statement needs to demonstrate your readiness for graduate level work, as well as any experience you have in your chosen concentration or psychology in general. The statement should also reflect on your motivations for applying, and provide some background on yourself and your academic/research interests. Some concentrations also require that you specify which faculty member you wish to work with and why. Your statement will be a central factor in the evaluation of your total application.

Developmental Psychology: In a typed essay of no more than six pages, address the following (do not answer the questions separately; integrate your answers into a single, polished essay):

- Aside from your interest in human development, what are your professional goals and how would completion of the graduate Developmental Psychology program at SF State facilitate achieving them?

- Describe the area(s) of developmental psychology (e.g. cognitive, emotional, health) which you are most interested in and, briefly, how these interests emerged.
- What are your future educational and/or career goals?
- Describe what you might be doing after getting your Master's degree.
- Which of the departmental faculty you hope to work with, and what attracts you to working with that specific faculty member?

Program Application Forms

Use the Program Application document type to upload the Department Pre-Requisite Form and Letter of Recommendation Waiver Forms. Please make sure to check these documents once they're uploaded, as the fillable PDFs sometimes clear themselves once uploaded. If you are unable to upload the filled-out form as a PDF, you may convert the file to a JPEG or take a screenshot and upload that instead. If you are still running into issues uploading the form, please contact the department at psych@sfsu.edu.

Letter of Recommendation Writers

Identify 2 - 3 letter of recommendation writers from persons whom are acquainted with your academic qualifications or related experience (i.e. research, practicum, or work). All applicants must submit a waiver of their right to view their letters of recommendation. Share the departmental form with your letter writer. You will need to enter the name and valid email address of your letter writers into the Cal State Apply system. Your letter writers will upload the letter directly to the system.

Forms are located at:

http://psychology.sfsu.edu/sites/default/files/Letter%20of%20Recommendation%20Form_0.pdf

Review the Cal State Apply video and Tips in Advance

Video: <https://vimeo.com/252393031>

Tips to Applying: <https://grad.sfsu.edu/content/international-application-submission>