Metro College Success Program

The Metro College Success Program (Metro) helps first-generation, low-income and/or historically underrepresented students succeed at San Francisco State University. Each Metro academy is a learning community with personalized in-class academic support, advising and tutoring.

Learn more about the ways Metro can support you throughout your first two years at SF State and how to apply.

More info: metro.sfsu.edu

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Metro Overview

Why Metro?
Adapting to college can be challenging. Learning in a small, supportive community of students and faculty can help you thrive throughout your first two years. Metro’s goal is to help you graduate in a timely manner and gain the skills you need to succeed in college and find a meaningful career.

What Is Metro?
Metro is a two-year learning community or academy of two courses each semester that share themes such as social justice, education equity, community health and ethnic studies. Metro courses satisfy general education requirements for all majors at SF State, so you can go on to complete your bachelor’s degree in any major.

Metro students receive tutoring, advising and support. Metro students also develop strong academic skills. They learn to write and speak with confidence and power, master mathematical concepts and think critically about real-world issues.

A Community of Students and Faculty
Each Metro academy is a “school within a school,” serving as a personalized educational home for students. Faculty, advisors and students in Metro work together in a learning community.

Advising and Tutoring
Metro students receive one-on-one support from a dedicated academic advisor. Metro advisors help students stay on track with their course selection for speedy graduation. Metro tutors are readily available for extra support, particularly in math and English.

Classes You Need to Graduate Quickly
All Metro classes satisfy graduation requirements in general education for all 78 majors offered at SF State.

Real-World and Engaging Courses
Metro courses share a common theme of social justice and relevant real-world issues. Metro students learn how to give back to their community and make a difference in the world.

Early Exposure to a Variety of Majors
Metro students are grouped in communities to prepare for a variety of majors and fields of interest. For the latest listing of current Metro Academy themes, visit metro.sfsu.edu.

A Closer Look at Metro
To help you succeed in college, Metro supports you in the following ways:

Who Can Apply
High school seniors accepted to SF State and who are able to attend full-time are eligible to submit a Metro application. AB 540/undocumented students are encouraged to apply. Eligible students may apply to both Metro and the Educational Opportunity Program (EOP).

When to Apply
The SF State Metro application period opens on February 2 and applications are accepted on a rolling basis. Admissions are ongoing and seats are available until filled.

Application Process
The Metro application must be submitted separately from the CSU Mentor SF State application. Students must attend one mandatory Metro information session in April or May to be considered for the program. Details on information sessions will be emailed to Metro applicants beginning in March. Metro begins notifying students of admission beginning mid-May via email. Notification of admission to SF State and notification of admission to Metro are two separate steps.

Apply online at metro.sfsu.edu or download, print and complete the application and mail it to:

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