



## Commonly-used Acronyms, Abbreviations and links

\* Building name acronyms can also be found on this map: <https://maps.sfsu.edu/>

- A&F – [Administration & Finance](#), campus cabinet division led by CFO/VP
- AA – [Academic Affairs](#), campus cabinet division led by Provost/VP
- AAS – [Admin Analyst/Specialist](#), job classification
- ACA – [Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act](#)
- ADA – [American Disabilities Act](#)
- ADM – Administration building, at the corner of 19<sup>th</sup> & Holloway (see [map](#)), includes the new [Undergrad Advising Center](#), all-student [Career & Leadership Services](#) and [GradStop](#) (aka “The Hub”)
- ADV – [University Advancement](#), campus cabinet division led by VP of Univ. Advancement
- ALI – [American Language Institute](#)
- Annex – two buildings located on North State Drive; one is the [SLEC \(Student Life Events Center\)](#) (see [map](#))
- AOC – Academic Office Coordinator, typically oversees the day-to-day dept. operations, personnel, etc.
- APC - one of the employee [unions](#) on campus: ([link](#))
- AT – [Academic Technology](#), supports instructional tech such as classrooms, Zoom, iLearn/Canvas, etc.
- AUX – an Auxiliary, such as [UCorp](#), [Associated Students](#), [SF State Foundation](#)
- AVP – Associate Vice President or Assistant Vice President
- BAO – [Budget Administration & Operations](#)
- BECA – [Broadcast and Electronic Communication Arts](#)
- BIET – [Bias Incident Education Team](#)
- BH – Burk Hall (see [map](#)) named for the first SF State president, Frederic Lister Burk
- CA – Creative Arts building (see [map](#))
- CalPERS - <https://www.calpers.ca.gov/> CSU retirement system (a.k.a. pension plan)
- CANRA - The [California Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act](#)
- CAPS – [Counseling and Psychological Services](#)
- CARES Act - Government emergency funding to colleges/universities in response to the COVID pandemic ([link](#))
- CBA – Collective Bargaining Agreements are between parties re: conditions of employment. Ex: [CSUEU](#)
- CCSC – [Cesar Chavez Student Center](#) (see [map](#)) named after the American labor leader and civil rights activist
- CEC – [California Employee Connect](#)
- CEETL – [Center for Equity and Excellence in Teaching and Learning](#)
- CEL – College of Extended Learning, now renamed CPaGE: [College of Professional and Global Education](#)
- CFA - one of the employee [unions](#) on campus: ([link](#))
- CLD – [Career and Leadership Development](#) Center, offering career support for all SF State students
- COES – [College of Ethnic Studies](#)
- Corp Yard – ([Corporation Yard](#)) in the NE corner of campus where Facilities, UPD, etc. are located (see [map](#))
- CoSE – [College of Science and Engineering](#)
- CPaGE – [College of Professional and Global Education](#) (formerly “CEL”- College of Extended Learning)
- CSU – [California State University](#) (a.k.a. CSU and CalState)
- CSUBuy - <https://procurement.sfsu.edu/csubuy2> the portal for campus purchasing
- CSUEU – one of the employee [unions](#) on campus: ([link](#))
- CSULEARN – the [CSU learning/training website](#) for employees
- DACA – (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals), supported by our [Dream Resource Center](#)
- DASW- [Disability Access and Student Wellbeing](#)
- DECI – [Division of Equity and Community Inclusion](#)

- DOS – [Dean of Students](#)
- DPRC – [Disability Programs and Resources Center](#)
- DRUPAL – [Program used to manage our websites](#)
- DTC – [SF State's 'DownTown Campus' at 101 Spear Street, San Francisco](#)
- DUEAP – [Division of Undergraduate Education and Academic Planning](#)
- EAP – [Employee Assistance Program](#)
- EAR - [Employee Action Request](#) form, used for various changes to employee info via Human Resources (for students, it's the "SPAR" (Student Payroll Action Request Form))
- EHS – [Environmental Health & Safety](#)
- ELR – [Employee & Labor Relations](#)
- Emeritus – [Staff](#) or [Faculty](#) who have retired and have received Emeritus status
- EOS – [Estuary & Ocean Science Center](#) (aka Tiburon campus, Marin campus, Romberg Tiburon campus)
- ERM – [Enterprise Risk Management](#)
- ETRAC – Employment Transaction <https://hr.sfsu.edu/e-trac-approver-training-manuals>
- Fee Waiver – [Employee Fee Waiver & Tuition Reduction](#) program
- FERP – [Faculty Early Retirement Program](#)
- FERPA - [Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act](#)
- FYE – [First Year Experience](#)
- GA – Graduate Assistant
- Gateway – entry portal for employees: [Gateway](#)
- GCOE – [Graduate College of Education](#)
- GradStop – [GradStop](#) one-stop for Graduate Studies/Advising
- GTA – Graduate Teaching Assistant
- HEERF – [Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds](#)
- HH – Hensill Hall (see [map](#)) named for former Dean John Hensill Hall
- HPW – [Health Promotion & Wellness](#)
- HR - [Human Resources](#)
- HRIS – [Human Resources Information Systems](#)
- HSS – or CHSS; [College of Health & Social Sciences](#) (see [map](#))
- HIPAA - [Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act](#)
- ICCE – [Institute for Civic and Community Engagement](#)
- ICDP – [Individual Career Development Plan](#) – can be used for the [Employee Fee Waiver program](#)
- IRP – [In-Range Progression](#)
- ISA – [Instructional Student Assistant](#)
- ITS – [Information Technology Services](#)
- LCA – or CLCA; [College of Liberal & Creative Arts](#), located in various buildings
- LFCOB – [Lam Family College of Business](#), (see [map](#)) named for alum Chris Larsen and his wife Lyna Lam
- MBA – [Master of Business Administration](#)
- MPA – Master of Public Administration <https://pace.sfsu.edu/mpa>
- MPP – [Management Personnel Plan](#)
- MWC – [Mashouf Wellness Center](#) (see [map](#)) named for alum Manny Mashouf, Founder/Chairman, bebe
- Metro – a student success program <https://metro.sfsu.edu/>
- NAGPRA - [Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act](#)
- OES – [Office of Emergency Services](#)
- OIP – [Office of International Programs](#)
- OLLI – [Osher Lifelong Learning Institute](#)
- OMBUDS – [University Ombuds](#), another support for employee relations

- OP – [Office of the President](#), campus cabinet division led by the President
- SSGI – [Student Success Graduation Initiative](#), a.k.a. GI2025
- PACE – School of [Public Affairs & Civic Engagement](#)
- Peoplesoft/Gateway - <https://gateway.sfsu.edu/>
- PERC - [Promoting Equity & Relationships among Colleagues](#)
- PSLF – [Public Service Loan Forgiveness](#)
- QUAD – (short for Quadrangle), the open green space/courtyard at the center of campus
- RESLIFE – [Residential Life](#)
- RSO – [Research and Service Organizations](#), such as our Institutes and Centers
- RSS – [Risk and Safety Services](#), campus dept.
- SA – [Student Assistant](#)
- SAEM – [Student Affairs & Enrollment Management](#), campus cabinet division led by VP of SAEM
- SCO – [State Controller’s Office](#), the CA.gov division that processes payroll/leave accounting for the CSU
- Senate – [Academic Senate](#)
- Staff Council – [Staff Council](#), for staff to participate in shared governance and community-building
- SFBUILD – CoSE’s [SF Build](#)
- SHS – [Student Health Services](#), located at the Student Health Center (see [map](#))
- SIC – [Strategic Issues Committee](#), a subcommittee of the Academic Senate
- SLEC - [Student Life Events Center](#) (see [map](#))
- SMC – [Strategic Marketing and Communications](#)
- SotE – CoSE’s [School of the Environment](#)
- SSP – [Student Service Professional](#)
- STARS - [Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System](#), AASHE’s framework to measure sustainability
- SUPA – one of the employee [unions](#) on campus: ([link](#))
- TAR – [Technology Acquisition Review](#), managed between ITS and Procurement
- TASC – [Tutoring and Academic Support Center](#), located at the J. Paul Leonard Library
- Teamsters - one of the employee [unions](#) on campus: ([link](#))
- TH – Thornton Hall (see [map](#)), named for Robert A. Thornton, Black physicist and first Dean of CoSE
- TPM – [Time, Place and Manner](#) Policy or Committee
- Time Base – [Faculty work schedule](#)
- Title IX: [Title IX at CalState](#)
- Transforms – [SF State Transforms](#)
- UAC - [Undergraduate Advising Center](#) the new one-stop (Grad students go to [GradStop](#))
- UAPD – one of the employee [unions](#) on campus: ([link](#))
- UAW – one of the employee [unions](#) on campus: ([link](#))
- UBC – [University Budget Committee](#), shared governance re: university budget
- UCORP – [University Corporation](#), auxiliary under University Enterprises
- UE – [University Enterprises](#), campus cabinet division led by VP of University Enterprises
- UPD – [University Police Department](#), campus police located near the Corp Yard (see [map](#))
- UPN – [University Park North](#), campus student/employee housing (see [map](#))
- UPS – [University Park South](#), campus student/employee housing (see [map](#))
- VOE – [Verification of Employment](#), often requested by your credit servicers
- VSP – [Vision Service Plan](#), part of your employee benefits
- WS – [Workstudy Student](#) working with financial aid/federally funded (not a regular student assistant)

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