San Francisco Discover is an English language and culture program that uses the city of San Francisco as the classroom. The program combines language study at the beautiful San Francisco State University Downtown Campus with excursions throughout the city’s colorful and exciting neighborhoods.

As a student in the program you will improve your English skills while you learn how San Francisco has become a global center of entrepreneurship and innovation. You will have the opportunity to explore the arts, business, culture and technology of the city as you practice your English skills with locals from a variety of backgrounds.
IN THE SAN FRANCISCO DISCOVER PROGRAM YOU WILL:

- Experience how innovation and entrepreneurship influence every aspect of life in San Francisco, from technology to food
- Learn useful conversation skills and lots of idioms, slang and vocabulary
- Visit San Francisco neighborhoods famous for their unique culture, arts, music, food, businesses, and more
- Practice English with your classmates and with local people
- Explore the diverse industries of San Francisco
- Gain new vocabulary to communicate about arts, business, culture and technology
- Tour local universities
- Receive an unlimited transportation pass for local buses and trains

PAST PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS WERE:

- A special presentation and Question & Answer session with a manager from Facebook
- Visiting the campus of UC Berkeley
- Gaining confidence speaking in English
- Touring a design, fabrication, and 3D printing facility
- Tasting delicious international cuisine
- Learning lots of useful vocabulary
- Experiencing San Francisco as a local!

WHAT STUDENTS ARE SAYING

Jen Hua You, National Sun Yat-sen University, Taiwan
This program improved my English speaking and listening skills, and gave me more chances to travel around San Francisco including places that are not just tourist attractions. It let us both learn and travel as part of the program and I think it was worthwhile.

Gil Jae Lee, Yonsei University, Korea
Every week I had so much fun in the classroom and on field trips. The fact that the whole program was taken in San Francisco was just perfect.

*San Francisco Discover is a 4 week non-academic English language and culture program that does not require a student visa.

SF STATE CAMPUSES

The main campus is located in a quiet and safe neighborhood near the Pacific Ocean.
The downtown campus is located in the heart of the business district, near financial institutions, including Bank of America and BlackRock; social media companies, including Twitter, Pinterest and Yelp; and new economy companies, including Airbnb and Uber.

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