English Proficiency Requirements and Exemptions

International applicants must provide proof of English proficiency as part of their application to Stephen F. Austin State University. Applicants may request an exemption using English Proficiency Exemption Request Form using one of the two waiver categories below:

1. They are citizens of “English Waiver Countries” below who have been educated and earning a diploma or degree in these countries at the secondary or post-secondary level in English.

   - Antigua and Barbuda
   - Anguilla
   - Australia
   - Bahamas
   - Barbados
   - Belize
   - Bermuda
   - British Virgin Islands
   - Canada (except Quebec)
   - Cayman Islands
   - Dominica
   - Fiji
   - Gibraltar
   - Grenada
   - Guyana
   - Jamaica
   - Kiribati
   - Liberia
   - Marshall Islands
   - Mauritius
   - Micronesia
   - Montserrat
   - New Zealand
   - St. Kitts & Nevis
   - Saint Lucia
   - South Sudan
   - St Vincent & Grenadines
   - Trinidad & Tobago
   - Turks & Caicos
   - United Kingdom and Northern Ireland

2. They have completed or will complete a university-level degree with English as the medium of instruction (associate's, bachelor's, master's, etc.) from any of the “Secondary Waiver Countries” below †

   - Botswana
   - Gambia
   - Ghana
   - Namibia
   - Nigeria
   - Sierra Leone
   - Uganda
   - Zambia
   - Zimbabwe

*Disclaimer – a student who claims a waiver with the information above takes the responsibility of being able to perform at an academic level appropriate for their studies. SFA recommends at least the equivalent of TOEFL 79 or IELTS 6.5 to be successful in an academic program.

† This exemption does not apply to the Counseling or Student Affairs & Higher Education graduate programs - applicants to these programs are required to submit a TOEFL score of at least 90 or an IELTS of 6.5, if they do not have an exemption from another category.
English Proficiency Exemption Request Form

Name: ___________________________________________  SFA ID Number: ____________________

I am requesting an exemption of the English proficiency requirement because:

___ I am a citizen of an “English Waiver Country” and have been educated and have earned a diploma or degree at the secondary or post-secondary level in English.

I understand that I must submit proof of citizenship with my application.

Country of Citizenship: ______________________________

-OR-

___ I have completed or will complete a university-level degree with English as the medium of instruction (associate's, bachelor's, master's, etc.) from a “Secondary Waiver Country”.

I understand that I must submit a transcript evaluation from this/these institution(s) with my application.

Name of Institution: __________________________________________________________

City and Country of Institution: ________________________________________________

I will provide all required information for the exemption I am seeking by submitting it to the SFA Office of International Programs. I understand if I fail to do so, my request may be denied and I will be required to submit one of the forms of English proficiency accepted by Stephen F. Austin State University.

I certify that the information I have provided is complete and correct, and I understand that the submission of false information is grounds for rejection of my application, withdrawal of any offer of acceptance, cancellation of enrollment and/or appropriate disciplinary action. I authorize the Office of Stephen F. Austin State University International Admissions to verify the information I have provided.

By claiming this waiver with the information above, I take the responsibility of being able to perform at an academic level appropriate for their studies. SFA recommends at least the equivalent of TOEFL 79 or IELTS 6.5 to be successful in an academic program.

Signature: _______________________________  Date: _______________________________

Submit this form to the International Programs Office along with your admissions materials.