

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

OR

- 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	Namibia	Uganda
Gambia	Nigeria	Zambia
Ghana	Sierra Leone	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