

Stephen F. Austin State University
Criteria for Admission to Teacher Education
Effective February 2006

1. A degree plan with approximately 66 semester hours completed including at least 12 at SFASU.
 2. The following hours must be included:
 - ___ 6 hours of Freshman English with at least a C in each class*
 - ___ 4 hours of science
 - ___ 3 hours of history
 - ___ 3 hours of political science
 - ___ 3 hours of college level mathematics
 - ___ 3 hours of EPS 380 or 485 or evidence of current enrollment
 3. Overall GPA at SFA of 2.5 or higher. The GPA must be maintained throughout the program.
 4. A GPA of 2.5 or higher in teaching field courses that can be found on the degree plan under the specific teaching field. This GPA is calculated using only classes taken at SFA. The GPA must be maintained throughout the program.
- All students must provide evidence of Basic Skills even if exempt from TASP/THEA***
5. Demonstrate skills in **reading** with one of the following:
 - a. THEA/TASP Reading score of 245
 - b. ACT composite score of 23
 - c. SAT total score of 1070
 - d. GRE total score of 800 with at least 350 in verbal and 350 in quantitative
 - e. Accu-placer Reading score of 83
 6. Demonstrate skills in **written communication** with one of the following:
 - a. THEA/TASP Writing score of 220
 - b. ACT composite score of 23
 - c. SAT total score of 1070
 - d. GRE total score of 800 with at least 350 in verbal and 350 in quantitative
 - e. Accu-placer Writing Composition score of 6 or Composition score of 5 plus Writing test score of 80
 7. Demonstrate skills in **mathematics** with one of the following:
 - a. THEA/TASP Math score of 230
 - b. ACT composite score of 23
 - c. SAT total score of 1070
 - d. GRE total score of 800 with at least 350 in verbal and 350 in quantitative
 - e. Accu-placer Math score of 63
 8. Students must give permission for a criminal background check.**
 9. Students must go to the State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) at www.sbec.state.tx.us and register before applying for admission

* Satisfies the requirement for critical thinking skills.

** Convicted felons are not eligible for admission to Teacher Education.

An application fee of \$100 will be added to your registration bill, payable at the SFA Business Office.

These rules are subject to change by action of the State Board for Educator Certification or by the SFASU Teacher Education Council.