



## **Provisional Admission of Undergraduate Students**

### **Purpose**

The purpose of this policy is to set forth the requirements for provisional admission to Stephen F. Austin State University in accordance with UT System Regents' Rule 40302.

### **Persons Affected**

This policy applies to all undergraduate, degree-seeking applicants for admission who are Texas residents and do not meet requirements for regular admission.

### **Definitions**

**First-Year Applicant:** The term "first-year applicant" means a student who has not previously enrolled in credit courses at any other institution of higher education following high school graduation, excluding the summer immediately prior to fall enrollment, and who has submitted a complete application for admission, including all required supporting materials, to SFA.

For the purpose of this policy, the term "first-year applicant":

- a. includes a student who has earned college credits via dual credit, advanced placement, international baccalaureate, college level examination program, or similar.

**Returning Student Applicant:** The term "returning student applicant" means a student who has previously attended SFA as a degree-seeking undergraduate who has submitted a complete application for admission, including all required supporting materials, to SFA.

**Transfer Applicant:** The term "transfer applicant" means a student who has attended another institution of higher education following high school graduation and who has submitted a complete application for admission, including all required supporting materials, to SFA.

For the purpose of this policy, the term "transfer applicant":

- a. excludes a student who earned college credit via dual enrollment or similar prior to high school graduation; and,
- b. excludes a student who was previously enrolled as an undergraduate, degree-seeking student at SFA.

**Standardized Test Scores:** The Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) and/or the American College Test (ACT).

### **Policy**

SFA complies with UT System Regents' Rule 40302, which states the requirements for provisional admission of undergraduate students who are Texas residents as set forth in this policy.



## **Procedures**

### **A. First-year applicants**

1. Any Texas resident may be provisionally admitted regardless of his or her high school record or score on the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) or American College Test (ACT) provided that he or she has graduated from an accredited high school with the required units and subjects as prescribed by SFA.
  - a. Students not meeting requirements for regular admission may be reviewed for provisional admission by request.
2. Provisional admission students may enroll initially in the summer session (both summer terms) or the spring semester following the student's graduation from high school provided the student has not previously enrolled in credit courses in any other institution of higher education following high school graduation.
3. The student who demonstrates an ability to perform college level work by achieving a GPA of 2.0 or above in at least 3 credits in each summer session or 6 credits in the spring (excluding developmental work) may be admitted as a regular university student in subsequent semesters.

### **B. Transfer applicants**

1. Transfer students with less than a 2.0 GPA who are not currently on academic suspension at another institution are eligible for provisional admission to the Summer Provisional Program.
2. Students who complete nine semester hours (excluding developmental courses) of work in Summer I and Summer II semesters combined and earn at least a 2.0 GPA on all work attempted may be eligible to enroll for the fall semester.
  - a. The nine hours taken must be approved by the appropriate academic dean or designee before courses begin.

### **C. Returning student applicants**

1. Students returning to SFA with transfer coursework with less than a 2.0 GPA who are not currently suspended from SFA or another institution are eligible for the Summer Provisional Program.
  - a. Calculation of the GPA will be based on all non-SFA academic credits earned.
  - b. It will include credit earned both before and before and after participation in the SFA Summer Provisional Program.
2. Students who do not successfully complete the Summer Provisional Program as specified by their academic dean may only be re-admitted to SFA upon presentation of academic credits transferred from all post-secondary institutions attended for which the overall GPA is 2.0 or higher.

### **D. SFA will provide academic advisement or counseling for provisional students to enhance their chances of success.**



- E. SFA will maintain an adequate system of record keeping on provisional students for the purpose of evaluating their academic performance.

**Related Statutes or Regulations, Rules, Policies, or Standards**

Tex. Educ. Code § 51.9241

Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, Rule 40302, Provisional Admission Policy

SFA HOP 02-206, Course Grades

SFA HOP 02-214, In-Residence Requirement

**Responsible Executive**

Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

Vice President for Enrollment Management

**Forms**

None

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