English Proficiency Requirements and Exemptions

International applicants must provide proof of English proficiency as part of their application to Stephen F. Austin State University (see requirements at https://www.sfasu.edu/international). 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

   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.

Applicants to any Educator Preparation Program must meet the requirements noted in the handbook - https://sfasu.edu/docs/college-education/epp-handbook.pdf
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.