



English Language Proficiency Requirement for J-1 Exchange Visitors

The U.S. Department of State (DOS) requires all new J-1 Exchange Visitors coming to a U.S. university to demonstrate sufficient [English proficiency](#) [22 CFR §62.10(a)(2)] before the university may issue the DS-2019 documentation for the scholar to enter the U.S. The DOS has established three general methods for determining English proficiency listed below. ***Please email the completed form to Intl.Stu@tamuc.edu or you may bring it to the Office of International Programs in Ferguson 221. Do not submit this form to the Provost Office.***

This form must be completed by the Faculty Sponsor at Texas A&M University-Commerce before the Office International Programs will issue the DS-2019 for the J-1 Exchange Visitor.

Visitor's Name _____
First (Given name) Family Name

English Language Proficiency Measurement: Please select one of the options below and provide the supporting documentation.

- Evidence of earning a minimum score of 550 (paper based), 213 (computer based test), or 79 (internet based test) on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). Please provide copy of test score.
- Evidence of earning a minimum score of 6.0 on the Academic Examination of the International English Language Test System (IELTS). Please provide copy of test score.
- Evidence of completion of an English language program. Please provide copy of certification or completion.
- Undergraduate or graduate degree earned at an institution where the curriculum is taught in English. Please provide copy of diploma or transcript.
- Documented interview conducted by Host Department at Texas A&M University-Commerce. The interview must be conducted as a video interview (Skype, Google Hangout, Facetime, smartphone app, etc...) unless the scholar being

invited is personally known to the host faculty in which case a telephone interview is sufficient. ***If an interview is conducted please provide the information on the next page.***

Date of Interview _____

Method of Interview: Phone Video conference (method) _____

Name of individuals conducting interview: _____

Suggested Interview Questions: Below are interview questions recommended by the U.S. Department of State in accordance with the purpose for the J-1 Exchange Visitor program. Please note that questions will need to be asked and answered in English:

- 1) How have your past experiences, training, language study prepared you to operate in an English-speaking environment in your field of study?
- 2) What do you expect to learn about American culture and society?
- 3) What skills and knowledge do you expect to gain while here at Texas A&M University-Commerce?

Based on the interview, is this scholar's English ability adequate for the proposed activities at Texas A&M University-Commerce:

- Yes. The scholar was able to understand and sufficiently answer interview questions in English. The scholar will be able to communicate effectively in English in his or her own field and would understand safety rules and instruction in English.

- No. The scholar was not able to understand an answer interview questions in English. The scholar would not be able to communicate effectively in English in his or her own field and would not understand safety rules and instruction in English.

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Host Faculty Signature

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