

International On-Campus Student Information

Information for students from abroad who desire to be admitted to an on campus program of study at SAU Tech

English Proficiency

International students who have graduated with a G.E.D. in the United States or a degree (High School, Bachelor's, or Master's Degree) from an accredited school in the United States or another English-speaking country must meet the same admission requirements as U.S. students. Other English-speaking countries include *Anguilla, Antigua/Barbuda, Australia, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Bermuda, British Guyana, Cameroon (West/English-speaking), Canada (except Quebec), Cayman Islands, Dominica, Falkland Islands, Fiji, Ghana, Grenada, Guam, Guyana, Ireland, Jamaica/other West Indies, Liberia, Montserrat, New Zealand, Nigeria, South Africa (English schools), St. Helena, St. Kitts & Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent, Trinidad-Tobago, Turks & Caicos Isle, United Kingdom, and the Virgin Islands.*

For other international students, the English language requirement of SAU Tech will be met when the applicant has submitted proof of ONE of the following:

- A score of 500 or higher on the written TOEFL
- A score of 173 or higher on the computerized TOEFL
- A score of 61 or higher on the internet-based TOEFL
- A score of Band 5.5 (overall) on the IELTS (International English Language Testing System)
- Completion of Level 109 at an ELS Language Center or its equivalent
- Completion of EF Level 4
- *A score of 410 on the SAT Verbal or *a score of 19 on the ACT English
- Completion of Level 4 of an ELS program

SAU Tech's TOEFL code number is 6704. Students whose native language is not English must have acquired a considerable proficiency in the use of the English language to be able to study here profitably. All lectures and books are in English and are designed for students who are proficient in written and spoken English. Courses in English as a second language are not taught at SAU Tech.

Web links to English Proficiency Testing Companies and Language Center:

SAT, TOEFL (LINK http://www.ets.org/tests_products)

IELTS (LINK <https://www.ielts.org/>)

ACT (LINK <http://www.act.org/>)

ELS Language Center (LINK <https://www.els.edu/en>)

Advanced Standing or Transfer Credit:

- Advanced standing can be achieved by the successful completion of the CLEP (College Level Examination Program) examinations in specific courses. These CLEP exams can be taken on the SAU Tech campus after a student arrives or at any U.S. college or university and at some foreign locations.
- Transfer credit for courses completed at foreign colleges or universities which are approved by the Ministry of Education in that country will be considered for transfer credit if the student has a transfer evaluation done by one of the following companies: WES (www.wes.org), Educational Perspective (www.edperspective.org), or [other private credential evaluation agencies](#) approved by the Arkansas Department of Education. The evaluation needs to include a "course by course" analysis. For the best results, the evaluation needs to be completed prior to registration for classes at SAU Tech. After arrival on campus, the student will meet with their advisor to discuss the transfer credits and degree plan. It is also helpful to obtain a copy of a syllabus for each course or a course description of each course prior to meeting with advisor.
- Transfer credit for courses completed at foreign branches or satellite campuses of accredited U.S. colleges or universities (and reported in the standard U.S. format) will be considered for transfer credit without requiring validation.

Application Fee

Application Fee of US\$50 must be submitted before your application is complete.

There is an optional US\$50 express shipping fee if the student chooses to have their I-20 mailed to them by Fedex Express.

Both the application fee and the express shipping fee can be paid by wire transfer or credit card by calling Lisa Holland at 870-574-4503 or emailing Lisa at lholland@sautech.edu or by bank draft made payable to Southern Arkansas University Tech and mailed to:

SAU Tech Business Office
PO Box 3499
Camden, Arkansas 71711

Immunization and Health Information

Immunization records showing proof of two MMR (Measles, Mumps, and Rubella) shots are required. All international students must have a TB (Tuberculosis) skin test. Depending on the results of the test, a second test might be given or a chest x-ray may be scheduled. Any subsequent treatment will be handled by the local health department. It is highly recommended that students have one or both MMR shots done before arriving but arrangements can be made upon arrival, if necessary. Send this documentation to the SAU Tech Admissions Office.

Students are expected to be in good physical condition and not suffering from any ailment or disease that may endanger scholastic progress or health.