

**SAN JOSÉ STATE UNIVERSITY
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**S20-1, University Policy, English Language Proficiency
Requirement for SJSU Applicants**

Rescinds and Replaces: University Policy F75-6

Effective: Immediately

Legislative History:

At its meeting of February 10, 2020, the Academic Senate approved the following policy recommendation presented by Senator Sullivan-Green for the Instruction and Student Affairs Committee. At its meeting of November 24, 1975, the Academic Senate passed F75-6 a resolution on the TOEFL requirement for applicants who were at that time called "Resident Aliens," i.e., permanent residents granted an immigration visa. Because a permanent resident was not required to present evidence of English

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Whereas: Having a strong understanding of the English language is important for success at SJSU, and

Whereas: It is important to demonstrate evidence of language proficiency prior to being admitted into the University, and

Whereas: The language in F75-6 is outdated, and

Whereas: F75-6 was specific to permanent residents only, and

Whereas: F75-6 makes reference to citizenship status which is irrelevant, and

Whereas: F75-6 does not mention any English Proficiency Tests other than TOEFL, and

Whereas: F75-6 does not concur with Sections 40752.1, 40802.1, and 41040 of Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations specifying the CSU English language requirements for applicants or Executive Order 1082: International Students

(<https://calstate.policystat.com/policy/6591473/latest/>), therefore be it

Resolved: That University Policy F75-6 be rescinded and replaced with the following.

Approved: January 27, 2020

Vote: 14-0-0

Present: Delgadillo, Honda (non-voting), Jackson (non-voting), Khan, Kim, Kitajima, Parent, Rollerson, Roque, Sen, Sullivan-Green, Trang, Walters, Wilson, Wolcott, Yao

Absent: Hill, Sorkhabi

Financial Impact: None

Workload Impact: None

POLICY RECOMMENDATION

English Language Proficiency Requirement for SJSU applicants

Undergraduate Students:

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2. The applicant has completed 72 semester/108 quarter transferable units at an accredited college or university in the U.S.
3. The applicant has studied full-time at a U.S. college or university for at least three years.
4. The department graduate admissions representative requests that a waiver be granted after consultation with the College of Graduate Studies to assess English language proficiency.