

Provisional Acceptance to SFBU Degree Programs for IEP Students

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It is possible for IEP students to get provisional acceptance to an SFBU degree program. If you want to do this, you may provide your own credential analysis report of your school records to SFBU's Admissions department. Then, Admissions can decide if you are eligible for the degree program, not including the English language proficiency requirement. If you qualify, then Admissions will send you a provisional letter of acceptance to the degree program. You can take your degree program provisional letter of acceptance together with your IEP letter of acceptance and your Form I-20 to your international student F-1 visa interview appointment at a U.S. embassy or consulate.

Credential Analysis

An academic credential analysis is required for international students' admission to SFBU's degree programs. A credential analysis is a process in which an agency evaluates your foreign school or university academic records. A course-by-course analysis examines your courses in detail, and converts your grades and/or Grade-Point Average (GPA) into the U.S. grading system.

This credential evaluation must be completed by a member of [National Association of Credential Evaluation Services \(NACES\)](#), [Association of International Credential Evaluators \(AICE\)](#), or [American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers \(AACRAO\)'s International Education Services](#). You may contact any of these [Credential Evaluation Companies](#).

SpanTran, which is a NACES member agency, gives discounted rates to SFBU applicants. If you want to use their services, please complete Spantran's evaluation request form [here](#). Results from SpanTran take approximately 5-7 business days.

The agency that you choose must provide the result directly to SFBU. We recommend that you choose their e-delivery option, if it is available.

You are not required to get the credential analysis yourself now. The normal procedure is for SFBU's Admissions department to coordinate your credential analysis report for you when you are finishing your IEP courses, not later than week 4 of Upper Intermediate Level B. It takes approximately 5-7 business days to receive results from SpanTran.

Form I-20

Your Form I-20 can list only one program. You have been admitted to the IEP, so the IEP is the only program listed on the I-20. The timeframe on your I-20 covers only the period in which you could be enrolled in IEP courses.

After you receive provisional acceptance to a degree program, and after you complete all four courses of IEP Upper Intermediate Level B with a grade of B or better, you will receive an

updated Form I-20 listing the degree program. It takes two business days to update your I-20 to show the degree program.

Your SEVIS number will stay the same. You don't need to renew your F-1 visa if the program changes from IEP to a degree program. You must renew your F-1 visa only if you were issued an F-1 visa for a limited time, and you travel outside of the U.S.