



## GSI English Placement Exam

**Students who are attending schools where English is the medium of instruction do not need to take a placement exam.**

If you do not have any of the recommended standardized exam scores at the time of application, you can schedule a placement exam via SKYPE offered by GSI. Based on the results, you will receive a recommendation on which GSI program is best for you. **The highest score is 50.** The GSI Intensive English Program will be the only choice for students who choose to take the GSI placement exam and score 29 or below.

### GSI Language Proficiency Assessment Description

This is an online, face-to-face interview administered through SKYPE that will test both oral and written skills. It will last approximately 20-30 minutes. The questions are general and are designed to inform the interviewer(s) of the examinee's communication skills and ability to take credit courses at Stony Brook University.

### Schedule Your Skype Interview

All interviews will be held on Eastern Standard Time/ US Local Time. Interview **MUST** be scheduled at least 48 hours in advance. **All interviews must be completed by May 31, 2019.** You must send an email to [gsi@stonybrook.edu](mailto:gsi@stonybrook.edu) to request a Skype interview and placement exam.

- On the day of your Skype interview, please be sure that your microphone and speakers are set properly. Please also ensure you have a strong internet connection and are alone in a quiet place.
- The interviewer will call/Skype you within 5 minutes of your interview start time.
- The interview will begin with “identification verification” questions (which will not be rated). Please have the following information ready *prior to the start* of your interview.
- Photo Identification in English, such as a passport.
- The interview will proceed with 2 “warm-up” questions (which will not be rated).
- The interview will continue with questions and written prompts which will be rated.
- You will receive your results via email within 2 business days.

### Skype Interview Scoring

The highest possible score is 50 (25 points for Oral Skills and 25 points for Written Skills).

Oral Skills	Written Skills
1. Comprehension	1. Appropriate response to topic
2. Fluency	2. Clear and cohesive ideas
3. Pronunciation	3. Use of complex structures
4. Grammar	4. Grammar
5. Effective communication	5. Vocabulary