

Language Requirements for SJTU International Graduate Programs

1. For programs taught in English

All international applicants for admission to any SJTU program must provide evidence that their English language proficiency meets the minimum requirements for admission.

Being born in a native English-speaking country is not a proof of your English proficiency. You will be deemed to have satisfied the English language requirements if you can provide evidence that you meet one or more of the following criteria:

- i) English Language Tests
- ii) Prior study in the medium of English

a) English Language Tests

SJTU recognizes a number of English Language tests and English Preparation Courses which can be undertaken to meet the University's English language requirements. These are set out in the following table, together with the minimum results required.

The test/score must be valid till the year of application. For example, the TOEFL must have been undertaken no more than **two years** prior to the commencement of the program at SJTU, i.e., the test must be dated on or after 1 January (two years prior) for Fall Semester intake.

English Language Tests	Minimum Requirement	Remarks
GRE General	320 (Total) 160 (Verbal) 160 (Quantitative) 3.5 (Analytical)	Within 5 years after test date
GMAT	550 (Overall) 25 (Verbal) 35 (Quantitative) 4.0 (Analytical)	Within 5 years after test date
IELTS (Academic)	6.0 (Overall) 5.5 (Subtest)	Within 2 years after test date

English Language Tests	Minimum Requirement	Remarks
TOEFL iBT (before January 2026)	85 (Overall) 20 (Reading) 20 (Listening) 20 (Speaking) 22 (Writing)	Within 2 years after test date
TOEFL iBT (beginning January 2026)	4 (Overall) 4 (Reading) 4.5 (Listening) 4 (Speaking) 4.5 (Writing)	Interim score requirements for exams taken beginning January 2026
Cambridge Certificate in Advanced English (CAE)	176 (Overall) 169 (Subtest)	Within 2 years after test date
Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency in English (CPE)	180 (Overall) 180 (Subtest)	Within 2 years after test date
NTS GAT General (Pakistan)	70% score	For Pakistani applicants to master programs; within 2 years after test date
NTS GAT Subject (Pakistan)	70% score	For Pakistani applicants to doctoral programs; within 2 years after test date

b) Prior study in the medium of English

If you have successfully completed an assessable Senior Secondary qualification or a post-secondary/tertiary study at an accredited university from an English-speaking country* you do not have to prove proficiency in English provided the qualification was:

- i) Taught and examined in English
- ii) Completed no more than two years prior to the commencement of the program at SJTU.
- iii) The statement or certificate must be on official headed paper, and must be the original document.

*** English-speaking countries recognized by SJTU international graduate programs include:** American Samoa, Australia, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Botswana, Canada, Fiji, Gibraltar, Ghana, Guyana, Ireland, Jamaica, Kenya, Lesotho,

Liberia, New Zealand, Nigeria, Papua New Guinea, Singapore, Solomon Islands, South Africa, The Gambia, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, United Kingdom (including Northern Ireland), United States of America, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

2. For programs taught in Chinese

All international applicants for admission to any SJTU program taught in Chinese must provide evidence that their Chinese language proficiency meets the minimum requirements for admission.

Besides, for most graduate programs in sciences and engineering as well as Master of Translation and Interpreting program in School of Foreign Languages, similar English requirement as English taught programs applies.

Being born in a Chinese-speaking country is not a proof of your Chinese proficiency. You will be deemed to have satisfied the Chinese language requirements if you can provide evidence that you meet one or more of the following criteria:

- i) Chinese Proficiency Tests (HSK)
- ii) Prior study in the medium of Chinese

a) Chinese Proficiency Tests

Chinese Language Tests	Minimum Requirement	Remarks
HSK Band 5	200 (total) 60 (subtests)	Within 5 years after test date
HSK Band 6	180 (total) 60 (subtests)	Within 5 years after test date

b) Prior study in the medium of Chinese

Senior Secondary Studies

If you have successfully completed an assessable Senior Secondary qualification from China (including Taiwan province, Hong Kong SAR, Macau SAR), or Chinese schools in Malaysia, Indonesia, Singapore, you do not have to prove proficiency in Chinese provided the qualification was:

- i) taught and examined in Chinese;
- ii) completed no more than five years prior to the commencement of the program at SJTU.

Post Secondary or Tertiary Studies

If you have successfully completed full-time study in an assessable qualification at an accredited university where the major language of instruction and assessment was Chinese, you may not be required to undertake a language test if you can provide a statement or certificate issued by the Registrar (or equivalent) confirming:

- i) At least one year of full-time study;
- ii) The study must have been completed no more than two years prior to the commencement of the program at SJTU.
- iii) The statement or certificate must be on official headed paper, and must be the original document.

3. Others

The language requirements of applicants applying for the joint degree program shall be subject to the joint degree program agreement. In addition, the following programs have special language requirements for applicants:

a) Applicants for master programs of Chinese Language and Literature, Chinese History, and Philosophy offered by the School of Humanities are required to provide a certificate of HSK Band 6, 180 points or above (with each subtest no less than 60 points), unless applicants meet the requirements for "Prior study in the medium of Chinese" in Clause 2b.

b) Applicants for Master of Teaching Chinese to Speakers of Other Languages (MTC SOL) offered by the School of Humanities are required to provide a certificate of HSK Band 6, 180 points or above (with each subtest no less than 60 points) and a certificate of HSKK Advanced, 60 points or above.

c) To apply for the French program of SJTU Paris Elite Institute of Technology, applicants must include either (a) a statement confirming that French is your native language or (b) a TCF, TEF, DELF/DALF score that meets or exceeds the B2 level. For specific application requirements, please contact the institute in advance.

d) Applicants for IMBA program taught in English offered by Antai College of Economics and Management are required to provide a certificate of IELTS 5.5 / TOEFL 90pts or above. Applicants for IMBA program taught in Chinese offered by Antai College of Economics and Management are required to provide a certificate of HSK Band 5 220pts / HSK Band 6 180pts or above.

e) Applicants for EMBA program taught in Chinese offered by Antai College of Economics and Management are required to provide a certificate of HSK Band 5 180pts, unless applicants who are native Chinese speakers or graduated from Chinese universities taught in Chinese.

f) Applicants for Full-time MBA program taught in English offered by Shanghai Advanced Institute of Finance shall take GMAT or GRE and submit the score (GMAT code: 6QS-S6-21, GRE code: 4100), or IELTS \geq 5.5, or TOEFL \geq 90, unless applicants meet the requirements for "Prior study in the medium of English" in Clause 1b. Applicants for Part-time MBA program taught in Chinese offered by Shanghai Advanced Institute of Finance are required to provide a certificate of Chinese proficiency, with HSK 5 score of no less than 180, unless applicants meet the

requirements for "Prior study in the medium of Chinese" in Clause 2b; or applicants could obtain pre-admission result from SAIF MBA interview.

g) Applicants for EMBA program taught in Chinese offered by Shanghai Advanced Institute of Finance shall participate in the interview and examination of SAIF EMBA and meet the admissible qualification.

h) For Master of Modern Chinese Studies program, the requirements for English language tests are as follows: IELTS (academic): overall ≥ 6.5 , subtests ≥ 5.5 ; TOEFL: iBT overall ≥ 90 , writing ≥ 22 , reading ≥ 20 , listening ≥ 20 , speaking ≥ 20 .

i) Language Requirements of the School of Foreign Languages:

Applicants for the English Language and Literature program shall submit a valid IELTS score of 6.5 or above, or a TOEFL iBT score of 100 or above.

Applicants for the Translation program shall submit a valid IELTS score of 6.5 or above, or a TOEFL iBT score of 100 or above. In addition, they are required to provide a valid HSK certificate with a score of 200 or above at Level 5, or 180 or above at Level 6.

Applicants for the Japanese Language and Literature program shall submit one of the following Japanese language proficiency certificate: JLPT N1 with a score of 144 or above, or J.TEST at Pre-B level or above.

Applicants for the German Language and Literature program shall submit one of the following German language proficiency certificate: TestDaF 4, or DSH 2, or CEFR B2.