



## 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 29, 2020.** 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                    |