PETITION FOR GRADUATE ADMISSION (PGA)

# San Francisco State University - Division of Graduate Studies - ADM 250

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|  | Select one Year: 2024 |
| Were you previously enrolled in a graduate program at SFSU? Yes No Are you an international applicant?  Yes  No | |
| **SELECT ONE:** |  |
| Waive English language proficiency requirement Waive minimum GPA requirement  Switch your program on your graduate application from to  Other: | |

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICANT**:

You must attach a memo providing rationale or justification for your request to waive University admission requirements. A complete application and supporting documents must be on file with Graduate Studies.

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR DEPARTMENT CHAIR, PROGRAM DIRECTOR OR GRADUATE COORDINATOR**:

The Department Chair, Program Director or Graduate Coordinator must include a letter of support for an English language proficiency petition or GPA waiver petition to be considered by the Dean of the Division of Graduate Studies.

# NOTE: Petitions without rationale or Department support will not be reviewed.

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**04/03/2024**

**Applicant’s Signature Date**

**APPLICANT: SUBMIT PETITION DIRECTLY TO THE GRADUATE PROGRAM FOR REVIEW – DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE**

**Department Chair, Program Director or Graduate Coordinator must sign this petition to indicate Department approval.**

 Approved  Not Approved

**Signature of Department Chair, Program Director or Graduate Coordinator Date**

**Name of Department Chair, Director or Graduate Coordinator Extension E-mail**

(print or type)

**GRADUATE STUDIES USE ONLY BELOW THIS LINE**

Review and Action:  Approved  Not Approved

**Signature: Dean/Designee, Graduate Studies Date**

PETITION FOR GRADUATE ADMISSION (PGA) Memo

Dear Graduate Admission Committee ,

I am writing to request a waiver for minimum GPA for my application to the Master of Science in Electrical and Computer Engineering program at San Francisco State University. While my GPA falls slightly below the required threshold (2.9), I hope to provide context for my academic performance and demonstrate my commitment to pursuing advanced studies in this field. Due to unforeseen circumstances, I found myself in the position of becoming the main income earner in my family during my undergraduate studies. This responsibility compelled me to work full-time while simultaneously attending school full-time. Balancing these significant commitments inevitably impacted my ability to dedicate as much time and focus to my studies as I would have preferred. Despite the challenges I faced, I remained dedicated to my academic pursuits and demonstrated a strong passion for my engineering studies specifically for embedded systems and machine learning. I actively sought out opportunities to apply theoretical concepts in practical settings, both in my coursework and through extracurricular projects. I believe that my academic record, while not reflective of my true potential, underscores my resilience, determination, and ability to excel in challenging circumstances. Furthermore, I am confident that the skills and experiences I have gained through my academic journey and professional endeavors have prepared me well for the rigor of the Master of Science program at SFSU.I respectfully request that the admissions committee consider of my application, including my academic achievements, professional experience, and personal circumstances, when evaluating my candidacy for admission. I am committed to contributing positively to the academic community at SFSU and am eager to pursue my academic and professional goals within the Master of Science in Electrical and Computer Engineering program.

Thank you for considering my request. I am available to provide any additional information or documentation that may be helpful in the evaluation process.

Sincerely,

Oscar Barajas