



Announcement

Faculty of Graduate Studies, Mahidol University

Subject: English Proficiency Standard of Graduate Students B.E. 2569 (2026)

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Whereas it is deemed appropriate to revise the English proficiency standards for graduate students of Mahidol University to ensure greater appropriateness and consistency with the Announcement of the Higher Education Standards Commission on the Policy for Raising English Language Proficiency Standards in Higher Education Institutions, with the aim of providing guidelines for the development of students' English proficiency and ensuring consistent implementation;

By virtue of No. 5, paragraph 2; No. 64 (2); No. 114 (3); No. 115 (1.3), (2.4), and (3.5); No. 116 (1.4) and (2.5); and No. 121 of Mahidol University Regulations on Graduate Studies B.E. 2567 (2024), Mahidol University Regulations on Graduate Studies B.E. 2563 (2020), and Mahidol University Regulations on Graduate Studies B.E. 2556 (2013), and its amendments, in conjunction with the Resolution of Mahidol University Council at its 628th meeting on 20 May 2026, the Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies, with the approval of the Faculty of Graduate Studies Committee at its 4/2569 meeting on 29 April 2026, hereby issues the following Announcement:

No. 1 The following Announcements shall be repealed:

1.1 Announcement of the Faculty of Graduate Studies, Mahidol University, on English Proficiency Standards of Doctoral Program Students for Academic Year 2026 Onwards, B.E. 2568 (2025), dated 30 October 2025;

1.2 Announcement of the Faculty of Graduate Studies, Mahidol University, on English Proficiency Standard of Graduate Diploma Students, Master's Degree Students, and Higher Graduate Diploma Students for Academic Year 2026 onwards B.E. 2568 (2025), dated 30 October 2025;

1.3 Announcement of the Faculty of Graduate Studies, Mahidol University, on English Proficiency Standard of Graduate Diploma Students, Master's Degree Students, and Higher Graduate Diploma Students for Academic Year 2025 Onwards (Version 2) B.E. 2568 (2025), dated 3 February 2025;

1.4 Announcement of the Faculty of Graduate Studies, Mahidol University, on English Proficiency Standard of Graduate Diploma Students, Master's Degree Students, and Higher Graduate Diploma Students for Academic Year 2025 onwards B.E. 2568 (2025), dated 2 January 2025;

1.5 Announcement of the Faculty of Graduate Studies, Mahidol University, on English Proficiency Standard of Doctoral Program Students for Academic Year 2025 onwards B.E. 2568 (2025), dated 2 January 2025;

1.6 Announcement of the Faculty of Graduate Studies, Mahidol University, on English Proficiency Standard of Doctoral Program Students for Academic Year 2024 onwards B.E. 2567 (2024), dated 26 August 2024;

1.7 Announcement of the Faculty of Graduate Studies, Mahidol University, on English Proficiency Standard of Graduate Diploma Students, Master's Degree Students, and Higher Graduate Diploma Students for Academic Year 2024 onwards B.E. 2567 (2024), dated 26 August 2024;

1.8 Announcement of the Faculty of Graduate Studies, Mahidol University, on English Proficiency Standard of Doctoral Program Students Academic Year 2020 onwards B.E. 2562 (2019), dated 25 November 2019;

1.9 Announcement of the Faculty of Graduate Studies, Mahidol University, on English Proficiency Standard of Graduate Diploma Students, Master's Degree Students, and Higher Graduate Diploma Students Academic Year 2020 onwards B.E. 2562 (2019), dated 25 November 2019.

No. 2 In this Announcement:

"Faculty of Graduate Studies" means the Faculty of Graduate Studies, Mahidol University.

"Program" means a graduate degree program of Mahidol University.

"Student" means a graduate student of Mahidol University who currently holds student status.

No. 3 This Announcement shall apply to students who have commenced their studies from Academic Year 2020 onwards and who have completed their studies from Academic Year 2025 onwards.

No. 4 The English proficiency requirements **for admission** shall be as follows:

4.1 Applicants for doctoral degree programs must submit a valid English language proficiency test score meeting one of the following requirements:

Test Score Type	Score level
MU GRAD Plus (MU GRAD TEST + Speaking Section)	48 or above
IELTS (Academic Module)	4.0 or above
PTE (Academic Module)	42 or above
TOEFL iBT	3.0 (42 out of 120) or above

In case a particular program specifies an English language proficiency requirement higher than that prescribed in paragraph one, admission to that program shall comply with the English language proficiency standard specified by the program.

The English language proficiency test result referred to in paragraph one or paragraph two, as applicable, must have been obtained within two years from the test date. Applicants must submit the test result to the Language Center Section, Faculty of Graduate Studies, prior to the expiration of the test results. In the case students enrolled in an Advanced Graduate Education Program, an English language proficiency test result obtained during their undergraduate studies may be submitted until before the first semester in which they enroll in graduate-level courses.

4.2 In case where a doctoral degree applicant meets all other qualifications specified in the Faculty of Graduate Studies' admission announcement but cannot submit English test scores as specified in 4.1, the Faculty of Graduate Studies may consider conditional admission under "Probation Students," requiring the student to fulfill one of the following conditions:

- (1) Submit an English language proficiency test result within the first academic year of study; or
- (2) Register for GRID 580 Constructive English and obtain a passing result within the first academic year of study.

No. 5 The English proficiency requirements **for graduation** shall be as follows:

5.1 Students in Graduate Diploma, Master's Degree, and Higher Graduate Diploma programs who select English as a foreign language must submit an English language proficiency test result meeting one of the following requirements:

Test Score Type	Score level		
	Total Score	Speaking	Writing
MU GRAD Plus (MU GRAD TEST + Speaking Section)	70 or above	-	-
IELTS (Academic Module)	5.0 or above	-	-
PTE (Academic Module)	58 or above	-	-
TOEFL iBT	3.5 (64 out of 120) or above	-	-
MU ELT	84 or above	10 or above	10 or above

5.2 Students in Doctoral Degree programs who select English as a foreign language must submit an English language proficiency test result meeting one of the following requirements:

Test Score Type	Score level
MU GRAD Plus (MU GRAD TEST + Speaking Section)	90 or above
IELTS (Academic Module)	6.0 or above
PTE (Academic Module)	66 or above
TOEFL iBT	4.0 (79 out of 120) or above

In case a particular program specifies an English language proficiency requirement for graduation that is higher than the standard prescribed under 5.1 or 5.2, as applicable, graduation from that program shall be subjected to the English language proficiency standard specified by the program.

The English language proficiency test result referred to in paragraph one or paragraph two, as applicable, must have been obtained within two years from the test date. Students must submit the test result to the Language Center Section, Faculty of Graduate Studies, prior to the expiration of the test results. In case students enrolled in an Advanced Graduate Education Program, an English language proficiency test result obtained during their undergraduate studies may be submitted until before the first semester in which they enroll in graduate-level courses.

No. 6 The Faculty of Graduate Studies provides an English language proficiency assessment test (MU GRAD TEST (Computer-based) – Placement Test) for students who have completed enrollment and paid the registration fee for new students. Each student shall be entitled to take the assessment once, within the first semester of the first academic year of enrollment. An assessment fee shall be collected from students who register for the English language proficiency assessment in accordance with the Announcement of the Faculty of Graduate Studies on the Rates of Other Fees for Students of the Faculty of Graduate Studies and the General Public.

The result of the English language proficiency assessment referred to in paragraph one may be combined with the result of the Speaking Section to form MU GRAD Plus score to meet the English language proficiency requirements for graduation prescribed under No. 5.

No. 7 Students may register for the following English courses to equate their academic results to passing the English language proficiency standard for graduation prescribed under No. 5:

Score Level				Course to be Registered	
IELTS	TOEFL iBT	PTE	MU GRAD Plus	Doctoral Degree Students	Graduate Diploma, Master's Degree, and Higher Graduate Diploma Program Students
5.0 – 5.5	65 – 78	58 – 65	70 – 89	Select and register for 1 course : 1. GRID 582 <i>Oral Presentation</i> <u>OR</u> 2. GRID 583 <i>Thesis Writing</i>	-
4.5	52 – 64	52 – 57	56 – 69	Register for 2 courses : 1. GRID 581 <i>Developing English</i> 2. Select 1 course : 2.1 GRID 582 <i>Oral Presentation</i> <u>OR</u> 2.2 GRID 583 <i>Thesis Writing</i>	Register for 1 course : 1. GRID 581 <i>Developing English</i>
≤ 4.0	≤ 51	≤ 51	≤ 55	Register for 3 courses : 1. GRID 580 <i>Constructive English</i> 2. GRID 581 <i>Developing English</i> 3. Select 1 course : 3.1 GRID 582 <i>Oral Presentation</i> <u>OR</u> 3.2 GRID 583 <i>Thesis Writing</i>	Register for 2 courses : 1. GRID 580 <i>Constructive English</i> 2. GRID 581 <i>Developing English</i>

Students who register for the courses specified must pay tuition fees in accordance with the Announcement of Mahidol University on Tuition Fee Rates of the Faculty of Graduate Studies, Mahidol University.

No. 8 Students who meet any of the following qualifications shall be exempt from submitting an English language proficiency test result for graduation and shall be deemed to have satisfied the English language proficiency requirements for graduation under No. 5:

8.1 Students who submitted English test scores for admission that met or exceeded the graduation criteria under No. 5;

8.2 Students who are English Native Speakers, including nationals of countries where English is an official language, namely: United Kingdom, United States of America, Canada, the Commonwealth of Australia, New Zealand, Ireland, Singapore, and the Republic of South Africa. Such students must be proficient in English at a native-speaker level.

8.3 Students who have completed a Bachelor's Degree, Master's Degree, or Doctoral Degree in a country where English is an official language, namely: United Kingdom, United States of America, Canada, the Commonwealth of Australia, New Zealand, Ireland, Singapore, and the Republic of South Africa.

Students who meet the qualifications under 8.2 or 8.3 must submit a request accompanied by the following supporting documents to their Program Administrative Committee for consideration and approval:

- (1) A document verifying the student's nationality;
- (2) A certification issued by the educational institution confirming completion of a Bachelor's, Master's, or Doctoral Degree; and
- (3) An academic transcript for the Bachelor's, Master's, or Doctoral Degree.

Once the Program Administrative Committee has approved the request, the program shall submit a copy of the Committee's decision along with the relevant supporting documents to the Faculty of Graduate Studies for consideration and approval by the Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies.

No. 9 In the event where problem - regarding the interpretation or implementation of this announcement emerges, the Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies has the authority to make a decision, and the Dean's decision shall be regarded as final.

TRANSITORY PROVISION

No. 10 Any proceedings under the previous Announcements of the Faculty of Graduate Studies concerning English language proficiency standards for graduate students that were in force prior to the effective date of this Announcement and were still in progress on the effective date of this Announcement shall continue to be carried out in accordance with the previous Announcements until completion. However, English proficiency standards for graduation must comply with the criteria specified in this Announcement.

No. 11 Students who have already satisfied the English language proficiency standard for admission or the English language proficiency standard for graduation, as applicable, under the Announcements of the Faculty of Graduate Studies on English language proficiency standards for graduate students that were in force prior to the effective date of this Announcement shall be deemed to have satisfied the English language proficiency standards under this Announcement.

No. 12 Students who previously submitted an English language proficiency test result in accordance with the applicable Announcement concerning English language proficiency standards for graduate students that was in force prior to the effective date of this Announcement, but whose test result did not meet the requirements under that previous Announcement, shall, nevertheless, be deemed to have satisfied the English language proficiency standards under this Announcement if the test result meets the score requirements prescribed in this Announcement. This shall apply even if the relevant test result had expired as of the effective date of this Announcement.

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