



Announcement

Faculty of Graduate Studies, Mahidol University

Subject: English Proficiency Standard of Doctoral Program Students

for Academic Year 2025 onwards

B.E. 2568

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The Faculty of Graduate Studies, Mahidol University, deems it appropriate to revise the English language proficiency standard of students in the doctoral program (Thai and International programs). This is to ensure appropriateness and alignment with Mahidol University's vision of providing a seamless and uniform graduate education experience that follows the same guidelines and practices.

By virtue of No. 64 and No. 116 of Mahidol University Regulations on Graduate Studies B.E. 2567 and the resolutions of the 9/2566 meeting of the Committee of the Faculty of Graduate Studies on September 6, 2023, the Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies, therefore, announces as follows:

No. 1 In this announcement,

“Faculty of Graduate Studies” refers to the Faculty of Graduate Studies, Mahidol University.

No. 2 In addition to the cases in No. 8, applicants from the doctoral program in all fields enrolled from the academic year 2025 onwards must have passed one of the following English language proficiency tests according to the specified score for the **English language proficiency standard for admission** as follows:

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

The results of the English language proficiency test, as per Clause 1, are valid for a period not exceeding two years from the test date, and students are required to submit the test results to the Language Center of the Faculty of Graduate Studies prior to the expiration of the test results.

No. 3 In addition to cases under No. 7 or No. 8, applicants who have registered and paid the registration fee as new students in the doctoral program starting from the academic year 2025 onwards must undergo an English language proficiency test (MU GRAD TEST (Computer-Based Placement Test) with the Faculty of Graduate Studies once during the first semester of the first year of enrollment. This is to inform students of the English language courses they need to register for in order to meet the English proficiency standard for graduation as specified in No. 5.

Applicants undergoing the English language proficiency test will be charged an application fee of 1,000 Baht per person following Clause 1 in the announcement of the Faculty of Graduate Studies on Other Payments for Graduate Students and General Public

The results of the English language proficiency test, as per Clause 1, can be combined with the scores from the Speaking Section to form MU GRAD Plus. This is to meet the English language proficiency standard for graduation as specified in No. 4.

In this regard, students who do not meet the English language proficiency standard for graduation as outlined in No. 4 in the first semester of their first academic year must enroll in English language courses as specified by the Faculty of Graduate Studies in the second semester of their first academic year. This is to ensure that the students meet the language proficiency standard for graduation in accordance with No. 5.

No. 4 In addition to the cases in No. 5, No. 6, and No. 8, students from the doctoral program in all fields who enrolled from the academic year 2025 onwards and have chosen English as a foreign language must have passed one of the following English language proficiency tests according to the specified score for the **English language proficiency standard for graduation**, as follows:

Test Score Type	Score level		
	Total Score	Speaking	Writing
MU GRAD Plus (MU GRAD TEST + Speaking Section)	90 or above	12 or above	12 or above
IELTS (Academic Module)	6.0 or above	6.0 or above	6.0 or above
TOEFL iBT	79 or above	19 or above	23 or above

The results of the English language proficiency test, as per Clause 1, are valid for a period not exceeding two years from the test date, and students are required to submit the test results to the Language Center of the Faculty of Graduate Studies prior to the expiration of the test results.

No. 5 Students who do not meet the English language proficiency standard as stated in No.4 can choose to retake the English language proficiency test until they meet the specified standard for graduation. After achieving the specified standard, they can then submit the test results in accordance with No. 4, Clause 2, or register for the following English language courses specified by the Faculty of Graduate Studies. Students must pass such courses to fulfill the English language proficiency standard for graduation prior to the final thesis or dissertation examination.

Score Level			Course to be Registered
IELTS	TOEFL iBT	MU GRAD Plus	
5.0 – 5.5	64 – 78	70 – 89	<p>Register for ONE course as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. GRID 537 Oral Presentation Skill
4.5	52 -63	56 – 69	<p>Register for TWO courses as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Choose</u> ONE from the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.1 GRID 332 Thesis Writing in Physical Sciences and Biosciences <u>or</u> 1.2 GRID 533 Thesis Writing in Social Sciences and Humanities 2. GRID 537 Oral Presentation Skill
4.0	42 – 51	48 – 55	<p>Register for THREE courses as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. GRID 531 English Academic Writing II 2. <u>Choose</u> ONE from the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2.1 GRID 332 Thesis Writing in Physical Sciences and Biosciences <u>or</u> 2.2 GRID 533 Thesis Writing in Social Sciences and Humanities 3. GRID 537 Oral Presentation Skill
Less than 4.0	Less than 42	Less than 48	<p>Register for FIVE courses as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. GRID 517 Essential English Grammar for Graduate Studies 2. GRID 530 English Academic Writing I 3. GRID 531 English Academic Writing II 4. <u>Choose</u> ONE from the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4.1 GRID 332 Thesis Writing in Physical Sciences and Biosciences <u>or</u> 4.2 GRID 533 Thesis Writing in Social Sciences and Humanities 5. GRID 537 Oral Presentation Skill

No. 6 Students in the following doctoral programs are required to meet higher English language proficiency standards than those specified for students in the doctoral programs as determined in No. 2 or No. 4.

6.1 English language proficiency standard for **admission** are specified in detail in the annex attached to this announcement.

6.2 English language proficiency standard for **graduation** are specified in detail in the annex attached to this announcement.

No. 7 Students, participating in the undergraduate and graduate degree for double degree program at Mahidol University who wish to submit their English language proficiency results to meet the English language proficiency standard for graduation must submit the test results in accordance with the graduate-level English language proficiency standard for graduation as specified in No. 4 or No. 6, as applicable. These results should be submitted to the Language Center of the Faculty of Graduate Studies upon enrollment in the undergraduate program.

No. 8 Exemption for submitting English language proficiency results, an English language proficiency assessment (MU GRAD TEST (Computer-Based) Placement Test), and registering for English language courses as specified in No. 2 to No. 7 is granted to students in the doctoral program who meet any of the following qualifications:

8.1 Students who have submitted English language proficiency results that fulfill the English language proficiency standard for graduation.

8.2 Student who is a native English speaker, including those holding citizenship in countries where English is an official language and can proficiently use English as a language expert. This includes the United Kingdom, the United States of America, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Ireland, Singapore, and the Republic of South Africa. Alternatively, those who have successfully completed a bachelor's, master's, or doctoral degree from a country where English is an official language, such as the United Kingdom, the United States of America, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Ireland, Singapore, and the Republic of South Africa.

Students who meet the qualifications stated in Clause 1 should submit a proposal along with the following supporting documents to the program committee for approval.

(1) A document verifying the student's nationality

(2) A certification of graduation from the educational institution specifying the completion of a bachelor's, master's, or doctoral degree

(3) An academic transcript at the bachelor's, master's, or doctoral level

Upon approval by the program committee, the program shall provide a copy of the approval along with the specified supporting documents to the Faculty of Graduate Studies for further approval.

8.3 Students who have passed the English language courses as specified by the Faculty of Graduate Studies in No. 5

No. 9 In the event that there is a problem regarding the interpretation or implementation of this announcement, 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.

From now onwards

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Doctoral Programs in the following fields of study are required to meet higher English proficiency standards than those set for other students in Doctoral Programs as determined by the Faculty of Graduate Studies.

1 English language proficiency standard for Admission

Faculty/Field of Study	Score Level		
	MU GRAD Plus	IELTS	TOEFL iBT
(1) Faculty of Dentistry	90 or above	6.0 or above	79 or above
(1.1) Dental Biomaterials Science (International program)	(Writing = 12 or above and	(Writing = 6.0 or above and	(Writing = 23 or above and
(1.2) Oral Biology and Integrative Biomedical Science (International program)	Speaking = 12 or above)	Speaking = 6.0 or above)	Speaking = 19 or above)

2 English language proficiency standard for Graduation

Faculty/Field of Study	Score Level		
	MU GRAD Plus	IELTS	TOEFL iBT
(1) Faculty of Dentistry	90 or above	6.0 or above	79 or above
(1.1) Dental Biomaterials Science (International program)	(Writing = 12 or above and	(Writing = 6.0 or above and	(Writing = 23 or above and
(1.2) Oral Biology and Integrative Biomedical Science (International program)	Speaking = 12 or above)	Speaking = 6.0 or above)	Speaking = 19 or above)

