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**Announcement**

**Faculty of Graduate Studies, Mahidol University**

**Subject: English Competence Standards of Faculty of Graduate Studies,**

**Mahidol University**

**B.E. 2558**

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This announcement clarifies the English competence standards for graduate students, Mahidol University, in accordance with the Ministry of Education directive entitled “Methods of Graduate Program Standards Management B.E. 2548” and Mahidol University’s Academic Regulations of Graduate Studies B.E. 2556, which states that all graduate programs have to place an importance on English language and ensure the standards and the quality of graduate studies at Mahidol University in accordance with the regulations of the Office of the Higher Education Commission.

Following the resolution of the 7<sup>th</sup> of B.E. 2558 meeting of the Graduate Studies Committee on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2015, the Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies, Mahidol University announced the required English competence standards for the graduate students of Mahidol University as follows:

1. This announcement applies to all graduate students who choose English as their optional foreign language under the Mahidol University’s Academic Regulations of the Graduate Studies B.E. 2556
2. The English Competence Standard of Faculty of Graduate Studies, Mahidol University B.E.2553, item no.3: the English Competence Standards and English Competence Assessment Criteria of Doctoral Degree Students, announced on 28<sup>th</sup> January B.E.2553 is annulled.
3. **English Competence Standards and English Competence Assessment Criteria of Doctoral Degree Students (Thai and International Program)**

All doctoral degree students must have:

- 3.1 an IELTS score with a minimum of 5.0 **or**
- 3.2 a TOEFL IBT score with a minimum of 61 **or**
- 3.3 a TOEFL ITP score with a minimum of 500 **or**
- 3.4 In the case where a doctoral degree student has
  - an IELTS score lower than 5.0 **or**
  - a TOEFL IBT score lower than 61 **or**
  - a TOEFL ITP score lower than 500, the student must take the following course(es):



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| SCORE  | COURSE TO BE TAKEN   |
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| 3.4.1 If a student has <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• TOEFL ITP score: <b>470 - 499</b> or</li><li>• TOEFL IBT score: <b>52 - 60</b> or</li><li>• IELTS score at <b>4.5</b></li></ul>       | The student must take <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>GRID 532 Thesis Writing in Physical Sciences and Biosciences</i> <b>or</b></li><li>• <i>GRID 533 Thesis Writing in Social Sciences and Humanities</i></li></ul>   |
| 3.4.2 If a student has <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• TOEFL ITP score: <b>435 - 469</b> or</li><li>• TOEFL IBT score: <b>41 - 51</b> or</li><li>• IELTS score at <b>4</b></li></ul>         | The student must take <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• GRID 531 English Academic Writing II <b>and</b></li><li>• <i>GRID 532 Thesis Writing in Physical Sciences and Biosciences</i> <b>or</b></li><li>• <i>GRID 533 Thesis Writing in Social Sciences and Humanities</i></li></ul> (Two courses in total)  |
| 3.4.3 If a student has <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• TOEFL ITP score: <b>400 - 434</b> or</li><li>• TOEFL iBT score: <b>32 - 40</b> or</li><li>• IELTS score at <b>3.0 - 3.5</b></li></ul> | The student must take <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• GRID 530 English Academic Writing I <b>and</b></li><li>• GRID 531 English Academic Writing II <b>and</b></li><li>• <i>GRID 532 Thesis Writing in Physical Sciences and Biosciences</i> <b>or</b></li><li>• <i>GRID 533 Thesis Writing in Social Sciences and Humanities</i></li></ul> (Three courses in total) |
| <b>Remark:</b> The student must pass the course(s) prior to examination on the defense of thesis.  |  |

3.4.4 Anyone who has

- a TOEFL ITP score **lower than 400** or
- a TOEFL IBT score **lower than 32** or
- an IELTS score **lower than 3.0** shall not be accepted as a doctoral degree student in Mahidol University.

**4. Any case that is NOT included or addressed by the criteria above shall be under the consideration of the Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies, Mahidol University.**

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**Remark:**

1. Mahidol University's Academic Regulations of Graduate Studies B.E. 2556 states that all graduate students must pass the English Competence Standards of Graduate Studies, Mahidol University prior to their graduation.
2. This announcement applies to the graduate students who choose English as their optional foreign language, and applies to upon those who graduate as from the academic year B.E.2558 onwards.