

## Announcement

## Faculty of Graduate Studies, Mahidol University

Subject: English Competence Standards and English Competence Assessment Criteria of Master's Degrees

(Thai and International Program), Diploma Programs, and Higher Diploma Programs

B.E. 2559

This announcement clarifies the English competence standards for graduate students in 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 for Graduate Studies B.E. 2556, which states that all graduate programs have to place an importance on the 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 9<sup>th</sup> of B.E. 2558 meeting of the Graduate Studies Committee on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2015, the Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies, Mahidol University announced the required English competence standards for the students of Master's Degrees, Diploma Programs, and Higher Diploma Programs of the Faculty of Graduate Studies, Mahidol University as follows:

- 1. This announcement applies to all of the mentioned 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: The English Competence Standards and English Competence Assessment Criteria of Graduate Students, announced on 28<sup>th</sup> January B.E.2553 is annulled.
- 3. English Competence Standards and English Competence Assessment Criteria of Master's Degrees (Thai and International Program), Diploma Programs, and Higher Diploma Programs All the mentioned students must have one of scores of English proficiency test before their examination of thesis defense as follows:
  - 3.1 an IELTS at 5 or above
  - 3.2 a TOEFL IBT at 54 or above
  - 3.3 a TOEFL ITP at 480 or above
  - 3.4 an MU GRAD Test at 60 or above
  - 3.5 In the case that a student has an IELTS score of lower than 5, a TOEFL IBT score of lower than 54, a TOEFL ITP score of lower than 480 or an MU GRAD Test score of lower than 60, he/she must take English course(s) as following criteria:



SCORE	COURSE TO BE TAKEN
<ul> <li>3.5.1 A student who has</li> <li>an IELTS score at 4.5 or</li> <li>a TOEFL IBT score of 52-53 or</li> <li>a TOEFL ITP score of 470-479 or</li> <li>an MU GRAD Test score of 52-59</li> </ul>	The student must take <u>Group 1:</u> GRID 516 Thesis Writing for Graduate Studies or <u>Group 2:</u> GRID 532 Thesis Writing in Physical Sciences and Biosciences or GRID 533 Thesis Writing in Social Sciences and Humanities The student must pass the aforementioned course before the examination of their thesis defense.
<ul> <li>3.5.2 A student who has</li> <li>an IELTS score at 4 or</li> <li>a TOEFL IBT score of 41-51 or</li> <li>a TOEFL ITP score of 435-469 or</li> <li>an MU GRAD Test score of 44-51</li> </ul>	The student must take <u>Group 1:</u> GRID 515 Speaking and Writing in Academic Context for Graduate Studies <b>and</b> GRID 516 Thesis Writing for Graduate Studies <b>or</b> <u>Group 2:</u> GRID 531 English Academic Writing II <b>and either</b> GRID 532 Thesis Writing in Physical Sciences and Biosciences <b>or</b> GRID 533 Thesis Writing in Social Sciences and Humanities (two courses in total).  The student must pass the aforementioned courses before the examination of their thesis defense.
<ul> <li>3.5.3 A student who has</li> <li>an IELTS score of 3-3.5 or</li> <li>a TOEFL IBT score of 32-40 or</li> <li>a TOEFL ITP score of 400-434 or</li> <li>an MU Test score of 36-43</li> </ul>	The student must take  Group 1: GRID 514 Reading and Writing in Academic Context for Graduate Studies, GRID 515 Speaking and Writing in Academic Context for Graduate Studies and GRID 516 Thesis Writing for Graduate Studies or Group 2: GRID 530 English Academic Writing I and GRID 531 English Academic Writing II and either GRID 532 Thesis Writing in Physical Sciences and Biosciences or GRID 533 Thesis Writing in Social Sciences and Humanities (three courses in total).  The student must pass the aforementioned courses before the examination of their thesis defense.

## 3.5.4 Anyone who has

- an IELTS score of lower than 3 or
- a TOEFL IBT score of lower than <u>32</u> or
- a TOEFL ITP score of lower than 400 or
- an MU GRAD Test score of lower than 36

SHALL NOT BE ACCEPTED as a student of Mahidol University.

4. Any cases that are NOT included or addressed by the criteria above shall be subject to the consideration of the Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies, Mahidol University.



This announcement applies to the Master's Degrees (Thai and International Program), Diploma Programs, and Higher Diploma Programs students who have student ID no. 59XXXXX onwards.

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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 Master's Degrees (Thai and International Program), Diploma Programs, and Higher Diploma Programs students who choose English as their optional foreign language.
- 3. Mahidol University students with student ID no. 52XXXXX 58XXXXX who are interested in taking an English Competence Test to qualify for the aforementioned English Competence Standards are able to take the following English courses to pass the aforementioned criteria:
  - 3.1 GRID 514 Reading and Writing in Academic Context for Graduate Studies
  - 3.2 GRID 515 Speaking and Writing in Academic Context for Graduate Studies
  - 3.3 GRID 516 Thesis Writing for Graduate Studies
  - 3.4 GRID 517 Essential English Grammar for Graduate Studies
  - 3.5 GRID 530 English Academic Writing I
  - 3.6 GRID 531 English Academic Writing II
  - 3.7 GRID 532 Thesis Writing in Physical Sciences and Biosciences
  - 3.8 GRID 533 Thesis Writing in Social Sciences and Humanities