

#### 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

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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
3.5.1 A student who has	The student must take
• an IELTS score at 4.5 or	Group 1: GRID 516 Thesis Writing for Graduate Studies or
• a TOEFL IBT score of <u>52-53</u>	Group 2: GRID 532 Thesis Writing in Physical Sciences and
or	Biosciences or
• a TOEFL ITP score of 470-	GRID 533 Thesis Writing in Social Sciences and
<u>479</u> or	Humanities
<ul> <li>an MU GRAD Test score of</li> </ul>	The student must pass the aforementioned course before the
<u>52-59</u>	examination of their thesis defense.
3.5.2 A student who has	The student must take
• an IELTS score at <u>4</u> or	Group 1: GRID 515 Speaking and Writing in Academic
• a TOEFL IBT score of <u>41-51</u>	Context
or	for Graduate Studies and
• a TOEFL ITP score of <u>435-</u>	GRID 516 Thesis Writing for Graduate Studies or
<u>469</u> or	Group 2: GRID 531 English Academic Writing II and either
<ul> <li>an MU GRAD Test score of</li> </ul>	GRID 532 Thesis Writing in Physical Sciences and
<u>44-51</u>	Biosciences or
	GRID 533 Thesis Writing in Social Sciences and
	Humanities (two courses in total)
	(two courses in total).  The student must pass the aforementioned courses before the
	examination of their thesis defense.
3.5.3 A student who has	The student must take
• an IELTS score of <u>3-3.5</u> or	Group 1: GRID 514 Reading and Writing in Academic
<ul> <li>a TOEFL IBT score of <u>32-40</u></li> </ul>	Context for Graduate Studies,
or	GRID 515 Speaking and Writing in Academic Context
• a TOEFL ITP score of 400-	for Graduate
434 or	Studies and
• an MU Test score of <u>36-43</u>	GRID 516 Thesis Writing for Graduate Studies or
an wie Test score of <u>50 45</u>	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