

English Proficiency Requirements for Graduation

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1. In an effort to improve the English language proficiency of our students, strengthen their employment competitive advantages, and to better cope with international competitiveness, our department has set up the following rules.
2. The department's Undergraduate, Master and Ph.D. students are required to take a foreign language test (conducted by a language training and testing institution with credibility) before graduation. The passing criteria are as follows.
 - a. Undergraduate Students
 - i. GEPT: Intermediate first stage or above.
 - ii. TOEFL ITP (Paper-based): 500 points or above.
 - iii. TOEFL CBT (Computer-based): 140 points or above.
 - iv. TOEFL iBT (New Internet-based): 48 points or above.
 - v. IELTS: Level 4 or above.
 - vi. TOEIC: 550 points or above.
 - b. Master Students
 - i. GEPT: Intermediate second stage or above.
 - ii. TOEFL ITP: 530 points or above.
 - iii. TOEFL CBT: 197 points or above.
 - iv. TOEFL iBT: 71 points or above.
 - v. IELTS: Level 5 or above.
 - vi. TOEIC: 650 points or above.
 - c. Ph.D. Students
 - i. GEPT: High-Intermediate first stage or above.
 - ii. TOEFL ITP: 550 points or above.
 - iii. TOEFL CBT: 200 points or above.
 - iv. TOEFL iBT: 73 points or above.
 - v. IELTS: Level 6 or above.
 - vi. TOEIC: 750 points or above.
3. Foreign students in our department, including undergraduate, master and Ph.D. students, who are from countries where English is the official language are not required to pass the "English Proficiency Requirements for Graduation".

4. **Undergraduate students**, in their senior year (fall semester or spring semester), who fail to meet the “English Proficiency Requirements for Graduation” **TWICE** before the start of their senior year must take TWO of the following language courses offered by the department:

- a. English for Advanced Learners
- b. Freshmen English (1) (Level 3)
- c. Freshmen English (1) (Level 4)
- d. Freshmen English (2) (Level 3)
- e. Freshmen English (2) (Level 4)

After completing and passing these two courses, the results will be sent to the Academic Affairs Office to waive the student’s Foreign Language Proficiency course. However, the credits from these courses will not count towards graduation credits.

5. **Master students** who fail to meet the above mentioned graduation requirements must attach a copy of their English proficiency test results and must choose the following alternative:

- a. Submit proof of an English journal publication (or acceptance letter) as the first author and approved by your advisor.

6. **Ph.D. students** who fail to meet the above mentioned standards must attach a copy of their English proficiency test results and must choose ONE of the following alternatives:

- a. Submit proof of 1 SCI journal publication (or an equivalent publication).
- b. Submit proof of 3 peer-reviewed English academic journal publications.

7. These regulations were discussed at a department meeting and submitted to the Office of Academic Affairs for approval. The same applies to any amendment.