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Kasetsart University Announcement on the English Language Proficiency Criteria for Doctoral Degree Students

Whereas it is appropriate to establish the English language proficiency criteria for doctoral degree students.

By virtue of the Section 22 (2) of the Kasetsart University Act, B.E. 2558 (2015), together with the Section 6.4 of Kasetsart University Regulations on Graduate Studies, Kasetsart University B.E. 2566 (2023), and by the approval of the Kasetsart University Council number 9/2023 on Monday 25th September 2023, the English language proficiency criteria for doctoral degree students are established as follows:

Item 1 In this announcement:

"Students" mean applicants who have successfully passed the selection process in doctoral degree level according to Kasetsart University regulations on Graduate Studies, Kasetsart University.

"01355501 Course" means English Required by Graduate School course by registering to study as Graduate Audit (GA) at Kasetsart University.

"The Oral English Language Examination" means the English examination for doctoral degree program completion. This examination is held individually. Students are required to submit a request to the Dean of the Graduate School with the consent from their thesis advisor and an approval from the head of department or the graduate program committee chairperson. The examination committee consists of two English experts and one representative from the Graduate School according to Kasetsart University regulations on Graduate Studies, Kasetsart University, B.E. 2566 (2023) item 23.2.2.

Item 2 Students are required to have the English language proficiency in at least one of the following levels:

2.1 Students who have an L4 level of English language proficiency will pass an English language examination to complete a doctoral program and are not required to take additional an English proficiency examination.

The L4 level of English language proficiency examinations are presented below:

	Score
2.1.1 TOEFL Paper-based	≥ 500 points
2.1.2 TOEFL Computer-based	≥ 173 points
2.1.3 TOEFL Internet-based	≥ 61 points
2.1.4 KU-TOEFL-ITP	≥ 500 points
2.1.5 IELTS	≥ 5.5 points
2.1.6 CU-TEP	≥ 67 points
2.1.7 KU-EPT	≥ 60%
2.1.8 TOEIC	≥ 650 points

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2.2 Students who have an L3 level of English language proficiency are required to pass an oral English examination to complete a doctoral program.

The L3 level of English language proficiency examinations are presented below:

	Score
2.2.1 TOEFL Paper-based	450-499 points
2.2.2 TOEFL Computer-based	133-172 points
2.2.3 TOEFL Internet-based	45-60 points
2.2.4 KU-TOEFL-ITP	450-499 points
2.2.5 IELTS	5.0 points
2.2.6 CU-TEP	45-66 points
2.2.7 KU-EPT	55-59%
2.2.8 TOEIC	550-645 points
2.2.9 Enroll a 01355501 course (master's degree)	Grade must be reported as an "S"

2.2.10 Graduated a master's degree or equivalent from an institution or a university from a country that uses English as an official language.

2.2.11 Graduated a master's degree or equivalent from an international program or an English program from an institution or a university.

2.3 Students who have an L2 level of English language proficiency are required to enroll an 01355501 course (doctoral degree) and receive an S grade, and must also take an oral English examination.

The L2 level of English language proficiency examinations are presented below:

	Score
2.3.1 English Preparation for Graduate Study	$\geq 70\%$
2.3.2 KU-EPT	50-54%
2.3.3 TOEIC	500-545 points

2.4 Students who have an L1 level of English language proficiency are those who have the score of English language proficiency lower than L2 level or do not have English language proficiency scores. These students are required to complete the following processes.

2.4.1 Enroll a 01355501 course (doctoral degree) and receive an S grade within one year counted from the beginning of semester. Otherwise, student status is to be terminated.

2.4.2 Take an oral English examination.

Item 3 Students who have English language proficiency as specified in Item 2.2, Item 2.3, or Item 2.4 and subsequently acquire a higher score level can submit a request for increasing their English proficiency to the Dean of the Graduate School with a consent from the student's main thesis advisor, and the head of department, or the graduate program committee chairperson.

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Item 4 A training or an enrollment of English for Graduate Studies at other domestic or overseas universities under an academic collaboration program which are equivalent to the 01355501 course (master's degree) can be exempt from an enrollment of the 01355501 course (doctoral degree).

Item 5 The English proficiency examination results must not be older than two years counted from a score announcement date to a score submission date.

Item 6 In case that any problems occur from the compliance with this announcement, the President of Kasetsart University have the authority to make conclusive decision with advice of the Academic Affairs Board of Kasetsart University.

This announcement shall be effective for doctoral degree applicants applying from the 2023 academic year and onwards.

Announced on September, 29, B.E. 2566 (2023)

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