



Rangsit University Notification
Policy on the Development of English Proficiency of Students in Graduate Programs
B.E. 2562 (2019)

According to the notification of the Higher Education Commission on the Policy on the Standardization of English Proficiency in Higher Education Institutions dated 12 April 2016, requiring all higher education institutions to standardize the English proficiency of students in all graduate programs by improving instruction to ensure students are capable of communicating in English and possess research skills as well as innovative knowledge leading to self, social, and national development. By virtue of section 7, 9, and 37 of Rangsit University Regulations on Education at the Graduate Level B.E. 2559 (2016) and the Rangsit University Council's approval in the 3/2019 meeting on the 1st of May 2019, Rangsit University hereby issues the "Rangsit University Notification on Policy on the Development of English Proficiency of Students in Graduate Programs B.E. 2562 (2019)" detailed as follows:

Section 1. This Notification shall be applied to students in all graduate programs from the academic year 2019 onwards. Rules, regulations, orders, or announcements previously issued or against this Notification shall be repealed and substituted by this Notification.

Section 2. In this Notification:

"Graduate students" refers students studying in doctoral, master's, advanced certificate, and certificate programs in Rangsit University.

Section 3. In the first semester of the program, students in master's, advanced certificate, and certificate programs in Rangsit University are required to:

3.1 Take an English proficiency test in alignment with the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) organized by Rangsit University English Language Institute (RELI); or

3.2 Submit English language proficiency evidence. Acceptable evidence of English language proficiency may be any one of CEFR, TOEFL, IELTS, CU-TEP, or TOEIC. The evidence submitted must not exceed two years from the test date to the date of admission.

Section 4. In the first semester of registration in a doctoral program, students are required to follow procedures below stated:

4.1 Take an English proficiency test in alignment with the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) organized by Rangsit University English Language Institute (RELI); or

4.2 Submit English language proficiency evidence. Acceptable evidence of English language proficiency may be any one of CEFR, TOEFL, IELTS, CU-TEP, or TOEIC prior to admission. The evidence submitted must not exceed two years from the test date to the date of admission to the doctoral program.

Section 5. Rangsit University English Language Institute (RELI) shall keep records of the English proficiency test scores of students in graduate programs and report those scores in percentage. The scores reported shall lead to the improvement of the English proficiency of students in graduate programs.

Section 6. Students in master's, advanced certificate, and certificate programs with English proficiency scores of not lower than B2 on the CEFR scale and students in doctoral programs with English proficiency scores of not lower than C1 on the CEFR scale shall be considered to pass the standard English Proficiency criteria of graduate programs as specified by the university's strategic action plan.

Section 7. Students in graduate programs who do not pass the criteria as specified in section 6 shall enroll in an English course as required by Rangsit University and meet the passing criteria comparable to the CEFR scheme. During the study in the English course, if students take an English proficiency test and obtain a passing score as specified in section 6, students shall be considered to pass the standard English Proficiency criteria of graduate programs as specified by the university's strategic action plan.

Section 8. In case any action or practice is not mentioned or there is a problem caused by any action pursuant to this Notification, the Dean of the Graduate School shall submit a request to the Academic Affairs Committee of Rangsit University for consideration. Any determination or decision made by the Academic Affairs Committee shall be final.

Notified on 31st of May 2019.

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