



King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi Announcement
Subject: English Language Development Policy for Doctoral Degree Students,
Year 2025

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To ensure that the English language development of ð doctoral degree students at King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi can be carried out with quality according to the desired graduate traits in line with the Higher Education Standards Committee's new policy for raising English language standards in higher education institutions dated 17 January 2024, higher education institutions are required to establish policies and goals to raise English language standards and provide guidelines for developing English language skills in order to produce graduates who are skilled and capable in terms of academics, professionalism and English communication skills at a practical level.

By virtue of the power vested under Section 18 (2) and under the corroboration of Section 27 of the King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi Act, B.E. 2541 and with the approval of the King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi Council at the 305th meeting on January 8, 2025, the following announcement has been made:

Article 1 This announcement is called “ King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi Announcement of English Language Development Policy for Doctoral Degree Students, Year 2025”.

Article 2 This announcement shall be made applicable to the new students enrolled from Semester 1/2025 onwards.

Article 3 The announcement of King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi on “English Language Score Criteria for Doctoral Degree Applicants, Year 2021” shall be repealed.

Article 4 In this announcement,

“University or KMUTT”	refers to	King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi
“President”	refers to	The President of King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi

“Students”	refer to	Doctoral degree students of King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi
“Applicants for Admission”	refer to	Applicants for admission to the doctoral degree program at King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi
“Native English Speakers”	refer to	People who use English as their mother tongue and can communicate, listen, speak, read, and write English fluently or have completed studies in countries that use English as an official language, such as the United States, the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, etc.
“Faculty”	refers to	Any faculty, institution, office or agency called by another name with equivalent status to a faculty with open classes at King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi
“Program”	refers to	Any doctoral degree program approved by the University Council and is taught at King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi

Article 5 Applicants for Admission must submit English test scores to use as a criterion for admission qualification. Applicants can choose from the following standardized test scores:

- 5.1 Test of English for Thai Engineers and Technologists (TETET) with scores of at least 5.0 for the Thai Language and Bilingual Program and 5.5 for the International and English Program.
- 5.2 Test results from TOEFL iBT, IELTS Academic, PTE Academic or Duolingo English Test that are not more than 2 years old from the date the test scores were achieved and specified in the score sheet, with scores equivalent to at least CEFR level B2.
- 5.3 Test results from LNG 550 Remedial English Course for Post-Graduate Students, LNG 600 In-Sessional English Course for Post-Graduate Students or LNG 601 Foundation English for International Programs.. Evidence of passing the tests of such courses must be provided.

- 5.4 For native English speakers, they can be considered for admission by Faculty or the Program without having to submit English language test scores.
- 5.5 For other cases beyond those mentioned in Article 5.1 to Article 5.4, where if the Faculty or the Program considers granting a student exemption, the Faculty or the Program is to consult with the School of Liberal Arts for considering such an exemption on a case-by-case basis.
- 5.6 In case an Applicant for Admission achieved English test scores lower than those specified in Articles 5.1 or 5.2, the Applicant can submit such test results to the Program for consideration in being admitted as a trial student where he/she will be required to enroll in the Fundamental English courses pursuant to the table in Article 7. Alternatively, the Program may offer the applicant additional English language development as a condition for admission.
- 5.7 In case an Applicant for Admission has outstanding academic capabilities but has no English test scores yet, the Faculty or the Program is to process the Applicant according to the selection and recruitment process. If the Applicant has passed the admission consideration, he/she must submit English test scores pursuant to the attachment of this announcement within one semester from the first semester of study. If the student does not submit the English score results within the specified period, the University may consider suspending his/her enrollment in the next semester.

Article 6 An exemption from English courses is possible if the student meets one of the following criteria:

- 6.1 Being a native English speaker.
- 6.2 Having achieved the test results from TETET or having taken LNG 550 Remedial English Course for Post-Graduate Students, LNG 600 In-Sessional English Course for Post-Graduate Students, LNG 601 Foundation English for International Programs or other Fundamental English language courses specified by the Program by showing evidence of passing any of the mentioned course exams.
- 6.3 Having achieved an English language test score not lower than the criteria specified in the Table of Article 7, in which the test results based on other international standards, pursuant to the Attachment of this Announcement, must not be more than 2 years old from the date the test scores were first achieved and specified in the score sheet, in order to request for an exemption.
- 6.4 For other cases beyond those mentioned from Article 6.1 to Article 6.3, where if the Faculty or the Program considers granting a student exemption from studying English courses, the Faculty or the Program is to consult with the School of Liberal Arts for considering such an exemption on a case-by-case basis.

- 6.5 The test score criteria for an exemption from studying English courses may vary depending on those set by the Program but must not be lower than the score criteria set by the University in this announcement.

Article 7 The School of Liberal Arts offers a variety of Fundamental English courses for students to enroll in based on their TETET test results or test results based on other international standards that are equivalent, pursuant to the attachment of this announcement, as follows:

CEFR Level	TETET Level	Admission for Study	Building an English Language Foundation	
			Thai Language Program/ Bilingual Program	International Program/ English Program
≤ A2	< 3.5	Admitted for study	Must study 2 courses, i.e., LNG 550 and LNG 600	Must study 2 courses, i.e., LNG 550 and LNG 601
B1	3.5		Must study 1 course, i.e., LNG 600	Must study 1 course, i.e., LNG 601
	4.0			
B2	4.5		Exempted from Study	Exempted from Study
	5.0			
	5.5			
C1	6.0			
	6.5			

- 7.1 If required by the Program to take other Fundamental English language courses that are comparable to LNG 550 Remedial English Course for Post-Graduate Students, LNG 600 In-Sessional English Course for Post-Graduate Students or LNG 601 Foundation English for International Programs, these English courses must then be considered by the School of Liberal Arts to assess whether they are truly comparable. Alternatively, the Program may request the student to take other English language courses in order to raise their English language standards.
- 7.2 In case students register for Fundamental English courses, they should complete them within 3 semesters from the first semester of study.
- 7.3 In case the students, whose English test scores do not meet the exemption criteria, do not wish to register for Fundamental English language course, they must then submit test results based on other international standards that are equivalent or pursuant to the attachment of this announcement or submit English test scores as required by the Program. However, the scores must not be lower than those set by the University and should be completed within 3 semesters from the first semester of study.
- 7.4 The University requires students to take Fundamental English courses to improve their English, but it is not a condition for graduation, except for Programs that require students to have English test results that meet the criteria set by them.

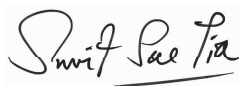
7.5 Students should strive to improve their English language skills and achieve test results comparable to CEFR level C1 and above.

Article 8 Students should take the TETET English test at least once before graduation in order to perform a self-assessment of their English proficiency. The University waives the expenses for first-time test takers.

Article 9 Students enrolled before this announcement came into effect must follow the criteria specified in the original announcement until graduation.

Article 10 The President shall be responsible for the implementation of this announcement. In case of any conflicts, disagreements or matters not specified in this announcement, the President shall make the final decision. The decision or order given by the President shall be deemed final.

This announcement was made on January 9, 2025.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Suwit Sae Tia". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

(Assoc. Prof. Dr. Suvit Saetia)

President, King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi

Attachment
to
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Equivalency Table for TETET

Test Unit / Test Set	CEFR Level				
	A1	A2	B1	B2	C1
Academic Program					
TETET	1.0-2.5	3.0	3.5-4.0	4.5-5.5	6.0-7.0
IELTS Academic			≥4.5	≥5.0	
TOEFL iBT			≥53	≥65	
PTE Academic			≥43	≥59	
Duolingo English Test			≥60	≥100	

Remarks: Doctoral Degree students can use English language standard test scores adherent to the Academic Program type only.