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An Announcement of Rangsit University Subject: Criteria Standardization for Foreign Language Proficiency of Doctoral Degree Program

Pursuant to the criteria and conditions of the standardization and regulations issued by Rangsit University on Academic Standards for Graduate Study Programs, 2006, item 6.3.2, the graduate students are required to pass at least one Foreign Language Proficiency Test. According to the Meeting 5/2006 held on the 29th of September 2006, for efficiency, the Graduate School Committee has set standard criteria for Foreign Language Proficiency of Doctoral Degree Program as follows:

1. This announcement shall be effective from the 1/2007 term (June 2007 according to the semester system).
2. All issued announcements, regulations or guidelines disagreeing with this announcement shall be abolished.
3. The students must pass the Foreign Language Proficiency Test and Qualified Test before taking the Dissertation subject test.
4. The standard criteria for Foreign Language Proficiency can be used by one or another of the following criteria:
 - 4.1 The students are required to submit the request for Foreign Language Proficiency to the Dean of the Graduate School where the test is held in English and administered by Rangsit English Language Institute of Rangsit University. The students must get an approval from their advisor and department director in order to be eligible to take an essay and oral examination as follows:
 - (1) Essay Examination
The examination includes 2 parts which are writing and reading. The students must receive a score of no less than 60%. The examination will be held in groups and administered twice a year as below:
The first time is in the third week of October.
(the request must be submitted within 1-30 September)
The second time is in the third week of March
(the request must be submitted within 1-30 February)
 - (2) Oral Examination
It is an individual exam. The students must pass an essay examination before taking an oral examination. Two teachers from Rangsit English Language Institute and one representative from the major field of the Graduate School shall be appointed by the Graduate School.
 - 4.2 In case any of the students need to take the Foreign Language Proficiency Test beside English, the students shall submit their request with an approval from the advisor and department director in order to be eligible to take an essay and oral examination. The Dean of the Graduate School will approve case by case.



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- 4.3 In case the students had registered and passed ENG500 (English for Graduate Studies of Rangsit University), the test is not more than 2 years old from the date of examination to the date of application of Doctoral program, the students must submit their request to the Graduate School with the approval from their advisor along with the evidence of a passing grade of ENG500 and GR.21 form to be equivalent to an essay examination. An oral examination for Foreign Language Proficiency can be requested after all.
- 4.4 The comparison of English Proficiency Test from other accredited universities and was tested not more than 2 years to the application date, the students shall submit the request along with certification and GR.21 form to the Graduate School with the approval from an advisor for consideration where the test scores must be presented as follow:
 - TOEFL (Paper Based) min. 500 points or
 - TOEFL (Computer Based) min. 173 points or
 - IELTS min. 5.5 and every Band must be not less than 5.5
- 4.5 In case the student has completed his/ her Bachelor's degree from abroad where the English language is used as an official language and was certified by the Office of the Civil Service Commission or has completed his/ her degree from an international college in Thailand, he/she will be under consideration by the Authority of the Graduate School case by case.
5. In case where criteria or guidelines to apply are not contained in this announcement or where there are any problems applying to this announcement, the Dean of the Graduate School shall have the authority to make the final decision.

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