

NCKU Regulations on Foreign Language Proficiency Requirements for Undergraduate Students

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I. NCKU sets up the English proficiency requirements for undergraduate students to help them elevate their international competitiveness in respective academic and professional areas.

II. All undergraduate students should fulfill the designated English or other foreign language(s) proficiency requirements before graduation.

1. Each department can assign a proficiency level for any non-English foreign language(s) as its graduation requirement.

2. If the department does not specify a proficiency level for the selected non-English foreign language(s), the graduation requirement for the foreign language(s) is the same as the level chosen for English by that department.

III. Each NCKU department can choose from one of the following standards as its graduation requirements.

1. B1 proficiency level in English according to the CEFR with one of the followings:

- (1) Achieving GEPT Intermediate Level
- (2) Achieving 57 or higher on the TOEFL iBT
- (3) Achieving 4.0 or higher on the IELTS
- (4) Achieving 550 or higher on the TOEIC
- (5) Achieving Preliminary Level (PET) on the Cambridge Main Suite
- (6) Achieving 40 or higher on the BULATS
- (7) Achieving other standardized tests equivalent to CEFR-B1 level

2. B2 proficiency level in English according to the CEFR with one of the followings:

- (1) Achieving GEPT High-Intermediate Level
- (2) Achieving 87 or higher on the TOEFL iBT
- (3) Achieving 5.5 or higher on the IELTS
- (4) Achieving 785 or higher on the TOEIC
- (5) Achieving First Level (FCE) on the Cambridge Main Suite
- (6) Achieving 60 or higher on the BULATS

(7) Achieving other standardized tests equivalent to CEFR-B2 level

3. C1 proficiency level in English according to the CEFR with one of the followings:

(1) Achieving GEPT High Level

(2) Achieving 110 or higher on the TOEFL iBT

(3) Achieving 7.0 or higher on the IELTS

(4) Achieving 945 or higher on the TOEIC

(5) Achieving Advanced Level (CAE) on the Cambridge Main Suite

(6) Achieving 75 or higher on the BULATS

(7) Achieving other standardized tests equivalent to CEFR-C1 level

4. Each department is responsible for verifying the qualification and documents concerning the required **foreign language** proficiency for international students from **foreign language** speaking countries.

5. Each department can set up its own proficiency requirements, if the above specifications are not applicable.

IV. Students with disabilities still need to attain the required **foreign language** graduation threshold. Exceptional cases will be compiled by the students' departments and submitted to the Counseling and Wellness Service Division of the Student Affairs Office for review.

V. Students who have not successfully reached the required threshold may take Online Remedial English (a zero-credit, semester, optional course) or other courses specified by respective departments. Students who successfully pass the required courses are recognized as fulfilling the English proficiency requirements for graduation. The Notes for registering in Online Remedial English are specified separately.

VI. The Notes on taking equivalent courses other than Online Remedial English should pass the meeting of the designated department. The Notes should be filed in the Registrar Office and announced to the students upon entering the department.

VII. Students who have reached the required graduation threshold of **foreign language proficiency** stipulated by their departments must register online themselves via the Confirmation of **foreign language** Competence System. A printout of the confirmation form with approval stamps and a relevant official grade report should both be later verified by the students' departments and be submitted to the Division of Registrar. Students are legally responsible for all necessary documents submitted to the University.

VIII. Students who entered the University before the **2017** academic year can choose to fulfill the current or the previous **foreign language** proficiency requirements.

IX. The Regulations, after adopted by the Academic Affairs Office, apply from the date of promulgation. The same procedure is applicable to the amendment of the Regulations.