

NTHU Institute of Photonics Technologies (IPT) PhD Primary Foreign Language Standards Requirement

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Article I.

Before the PhD dissertation review, the student's capability in English should be examined by one of the tests below to satisfy the language requirement:

- i. TOEFL iBT 72; IPT 543
- ii. General English Proficiency Test (GEPT) National High-Intermediate Level
- iii. IELTS 6.0
- iv. TOEIC Listening 400; Reading 385 (each score should meet its targeted subject standard).

Article II.

Those who failed the four items in Article I should enroll in courses at NTHU's Language Center or the Department of Foreign Languages and Literature for course numbers starting with 2 or above, or indicated as "restricted to graduate students", or "priority for graduate students", as approved by the director of IPT. A grade level of 70 or more should be reached in these makeup courses. These courses can be completed at other schools to reach the required levels subject to approval by the director.

- i. Those who reached TOEFL iBT 68 or above, IPT 530 or above, but not at the level of TOEFL iBT 72, IPT 543, should earn two makeup credits.

Those who reached TOEFL iBT 64 or above, IPT 517 or above, but not at the level of TOEFL iBT 68, IPT 530, should earn four makeup credits.
- ii. Those who failed GEPT (General English Proficiency Test) National High-Intermediate Level should earn four makeup credits.
- iii. IELTS total score 5.5 or above, but less than 6.0, should earn two makeup credits.

IELTS total score 5.0 or above, but less than 5.5, should earn four makeup credits.

- iv. TOEIC total score 700 or above, but less than 785, should earn two makeup credits.

TOEIC total score 650 or above, but less than 700, should earn four makeup credits.

These credits are not included in the graduation requirements for the doctoral program.

Article III.

The tests listed in Article I could be substituted and administered by other publicly credited institutions. The European recognized standard is CEFR B2 level or above. The IPT director will decide the type of tests, and the pass or fail standards as well as the makeup tests.

Article IV.

Special cases: foreign students, overseas Chinese, children of personnel stationed abroad, people who earned a bachelor's degree from countries where the primary language is not Chinese, and people whose first foreign language specialty is not English. The Institutional Affairs Committee reviews the cases of people with proof of language proficiency.

Article V.

Prior to graduation from the PhD program, an official public technical report must be presented orally in English, and verification of authenticity must be provided.

Article VI.

Students admitted before the announcement of the above standards can choose to either adhere to these standards or follow the prior standards at the time they were admitted.

Article VII.

In the event of a discrepancy between the original Chinese version and this English translation, the Chinese version shall prevail.