

## **TKU Implementation Guidelines on English Proficiency Requirements for Graduation**

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(英文譯本僅供參考，法規之實施概以中文版為準。)

The English version is provided for reference only. The practice of the regulations shall be based on the Chinese version.)

### **Article 1**

The *TKU Implementation Guidelines on English Proficiency Requirements for Graduation* (herein referred to as “These Guidelines”) were formulated to help students improve their level of English proficiency.

### **Article 2**

The regulations are implemented for students pursuing bachelor’s degrees. English I and English II courses are offered to enhance students’ English proficiency and to assist the students with the graduation benchmarks.

### **Article 3**

Undergraduate students enrolled in the daytime program must achieve one of the graduation benchmarks before graduating:

1. Participation in various English proficiency examinations, with a passing score equivalent to level B1 or higher under the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (hereinafter referred to as CEFR), is required.
2. Enrolled in English I and English II courses offered in TKU and obtain a score higher than seventy (70) in the English Proficiency Test II.
3. Apply for and are granted a waiver for English I or English II courses according to the *Key Points of Implementing a Waiver of English I and English II Courses for New Tamkang University Students*.
4. International students whose native language is English, who have applied for and obtained English proficiency certification from their respective departments and degree programs.

### **Article 4**

Those who meet the graduation benchmark by passing an English proficiency examination equivalent to level B1 or higher under CEFR should provide certification to their departments and obtain the qualification from their departments in order to

receive a graduation diploma. For the first semester, students should present it before January 31; for the second semester, students should present it before September 30.

#### **Article 5**

Students who participate in various English proficiency examinations but do not meet the graduation threshold or who participate in the university's English Proficiency Test II and score below 70 may take a course entitled "Advanced English" starting from their third year as an alternative way of fulfilling the English proficiency requirements for graduation. The course is worth two credits, but the credits will not be included in the graduation credits, and the grades will not be included in the calculation of the academic grades of the semester and overall average grade.

#### **Article 6**

The standards of the English proficiency requirements for graduation are as follows:

1. General English Proficiency Test (GEPT): Passing the intermediate level or higher in the listening and reading tests.
2. Test for English for International Communication (TOEIC): A score of 550 or above in the listening and reading tests.
3. Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL): A score of 42 or above on the internet-based test (iBT), 123 or above on the computer-based test (CBT), or 460 or above on the paper-based test (PBT/ITP).
4. International English Language Testing System (IELTS): A score of 4 or above.
5. BEST Test of English Proficiency (BESTEP): A score of 70 or above in both listening and reading tests.
6. Other examinations: Equivalent to level B1 or above under CEFR.

#### **Article 7**

These Guidelines apply to new students who were admitted to TKU as of the 2008 academic year through the 2023 academic year.

#### **Article 8**

Each TKU college, department, graduate institute, and degree program may determine its own English proficiency graduation requirements, which must not be lower than TKU's requirements. These individually formulated requirements will be implemented after being passed in an academic affairs meeting.

#### **Article 9**

This set of guidelines will take effect on the date of its publication after being passed

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in an academic affairs meeting. The same applies to any later amendments made.