

Resolutions from Department Meetings:

October 16, 2009 (225th Department Meeting):

- "Scientific Writing in English" (Graduate Institute of Biochemistry PhD Program, 3 credits) can be used as a substitute for English proficiency requirements.

June 4, 2009 (222nd Department Meeting):

1. Master's Program:

- Students must obtain one of the following to fulfill the English proficiency requirement:
 - GEPT (General English Proficiency Test): Pass the intermediate-level retest,
 - TOEFL (iBT): Minimum score of 47,
 - TOEIC: Minimum score of 550 or higher,
 - Completed one of the following English courses (does not count toward graduation credits):
 - English Composition I (undergraduate, full academic year, 4 credits)
 - Advanced English (undergraduate, half academic year, 3 credits)
 - Technical English (undergraduate, full academic year, 4 credits)
 - Scientific English Writing (graduate, half academic year, 3 credits)
 - Alternatively, students may publish one SCI or SSCI journal article as the first author before their dissertation examination to fulfill the requirement.
- Master's program academic publication requirement before applying for thesis defense:
 - Students must have at least one academic paper published as the first author or corresponding author in grade A academic journal recognized by the department (including proof of acceptance), OR
 - Present at least one oral presentation at an academic conference or annual meeting (e.g., Chinese Forestry Association, the Chinese Forest Products Association)

2. Doctoral Program:

- Students must meet one of the following English proficiency criteria:
 - TOEFL: Minimum score of 173 (CBT), 61 (iBT), or 500 (PBT),
 - TOEIC: Minimum score of 625,
 - GEPT: Pass the high-intermediate-level initial test,
 - Completed one of the following English courses (does not count toward graduation credits):
 - English Composition I (undergraduate, full academic year, 4 credits)
 - Advanced English (undergraduate, 1 semester, 3 credits)
 - Technical English (undergraduate, full academic year, 4 credits)
 - Scientific English Writing (graduate, 1 semester, 3 credits)

- Alternatively, students may publish one SCI or SSCI journal article as the first author before their dissertation examination to fulfill the requirement.
- Doctoral program academic publication requirement before applying for thesis defense:
 - Students must have at least one academic paper related to their doctoral dissertation, published as the first author or corresponding author in an SCI journal, OR
 - Publish at least two academic papers in journals recognized by the department as grade A (including proof of acceptance)

September 25, 2018 (Second Course Committee Meeting of Academic Year 2018):

- Recognition of English Proficiency Requirements for Graduate Students:
 - English Proficiency Requirements: There are no time limitations on the validity of English proficiency test results (GEPT, TOEFL, TOEIC).
 - Other requirements, such as course completion and dissertation publication, must be fulfilled during the years of study in the graduate program