

PROVISION
ON STUDYING ENGLISH AND ENGLISH PROFICIENCY STANDARDS FOR FORMAL
UNDERGRADUATES

(Issued together with Decision No. 1168/QĐ-KHTN dated August 26th, 2016 of the VNUHCM-US' rector)

Article 1. Scope of regulation and application subjects

1. This document prescribes English learning and English level standards for formal undergraduates.
2. This regulation applies to formal undergraduates (students) from the cohort 2016 onwards who are studying at the University of Science (US), Viet Nam National University Ho Chi Minh City (VNUHCM).

Article 2. Compulsory English knowledge block

1. Students who do not have the English proficiency certificate standardized as prescribed are required to study English according to the study programme, including the following four modules:

No	Module code	Module name	Credits	Period
1	NNA001	English 1	3	60
2	NNA002	English 2	3	60
3	NNA103	English 3	3	60
4	NNA104	English 4	3	60

2. Conditions for exempting English requirements:

No	Exempted Module	Exempted condition
1	English 1	Students whose English entrance exam results are 8.0 or higher
2	English 1 and English 2	Students submit the English certificates with equivalent levels from B1.1.
3	English 1, English 2, English 3 and English 4	Students submit the English certificates with equivalent levels from B1.2

3. The results of the foreign language exams are not calculated into GPA or the cumulative GPA

Article 3. English placement test

1. At the beginning of the course, students who do not have the English certificate to be considered for English module exemption under Clause 2, Article 2 must take the English test at the beginning of the course organized by VNUHCM-US.
2. Based on the test results, VNUHCM-US will make the following lists:
 - a. Students have enough English level to study English 1.
 - b. Students are exempted from studying English 1.
 - c. Students are not qualified to study English 1 and must take the additional English classes

Article 4. Learning outcome assessment

1. The Total grade of each English module includes the process grade plus the final exam grade as follows:
 - a) The process grade: 20% of the total grade.
 - b) Final exam grade: 80% of the total grade in which the score ratio of 4 skills of listening, speaking, reading, and writing is as follows:
 - b.1 For English 1, English 2, and English 3:
 - Listening mark: 15% of the total grade.
 - Speaking mark: 15% of the total grade.
 - Reading mark: 30% of the total grade.
 - Writing mark: 20% of the total grade.
 - b.2 For English 4:
 - Listening mark: 20% of the total grade.
 - Speaking mark: 20% of the total grade.
 - Reading mark: 20% of the total grade.
 - Writing mark: 20% of the total grade.
2. The total grade of each module is calculated on a 10-point scale. After plus the component scores, it will be rounded to 0.5 according to regulations.
3. The passing score is ≥ 5.0
4. Prerequisite module
 - a) Students must pass English 1 prior to studying English 2.
 - b) Students must pass English 2 prior to studying English 3.
 - c) Students must pass English 3 prior to studying English 4.

Article 5. English proficiency standards at the specialized stage.

Students who have not reached the equivalent level of B1.2 can only study the modules in the specialized stage or do the graduation thesis if they meet the following English proficiency standards:

1. English proficiency standards acquired for studying modules in the specialized stage: Students must complete four English modules specified in Clause 1, Article 2 of this regulation and must achieve 300 scores in the English competency assessment exam organized by VNUHCM-US at the beginning of the 5th semester of the course.
2. English proficiency standard acquired for doing graduation thesis (or studying a substitute module instead of graduation thesis): Students must achieve 450 scores in the English

competency assessment exam organized by VNUHCM-US at the beginning of the 7th semester of the course.

Article 6. English proficiency standards of study programmes

1. Students must achieve English learning outcome B1.2 when applying for graduation. The English learning outcome B1.2 is regulated according to Decision No. 992/QĐ-ĐHQG-DH&SDH dated September 4, 2013 of VNUHCM’s chancellor on the provision promulgation related to the VNUHCM English Certificate that is equivalent to the following certificates:

- a. VNU-EPT certificate with at least the scores of 176 issued by VNUHCM.
- b. IELTS 4.0 certificate issued by British Council or IDP Australia.
- c. TOEFL (iBT) 32 certificate issued by ETS.
- d. TOEIC 4 skills: 316 Listening-Reading and 181 Speaking-Writing issued by ETS.
- e. PET 80 certificate issued by Cambridge.

2. To consider and recognize English proficiency standard achievement

a. Time to submit certificates: Students submit certificates that are equivalent to the English learning outcome B1.2 in Clause 1, Article 6 of this regulation at the beginning of each semester. The certificates will be submitted in December for semester 1 and submitted in June for semester 2 every year according to the notice of certificate submission of the Academic Affairs Office.

b. The applications include:

- Notarized photocopies of certificates as prescribed in Clause 1, Article 6 of this regulation (attached to the original certificates for comparison).
- Taking ID card for comparison.

c. Students’ certificates submitted to be considered for recognition of meeting standards specified in Clause 2 of this Article are valid if the certificates are still within the recognition period

Article 7. VNU-EPT certificate and equivalent conversion to international English certificates

No	VNU-EPT certificate	Equivalent to international English certificate
1	from 151 to 175 scores (equivalent to level B1.1)	IELTS: from 3.5 to 4.0 scores
		PET: from 60 to 79 scores
		TOEFL iBT: get 31 scores or more
		TOEIC (listening, reading): get between 226 and 315 scores
		TOEIC (speaking, writing): get between 161 and 180 scores
2	from 176 to 200 scores (equivalent to level B1.2)	IELTS: get 4.0 to 4.5 scores
		PET: get between 80 and 100 scores
		TOEFL iBT: from 32 to 34 score TOEIC (listening, reading): get between 316 and 400 scores

		TOEIC (speaking, writing): get between 181 and 200 scores
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