

English Proficiency Requirements for PhD & Other Doctoral Degree Programmes for Academic Year 2026/2027

Academic Unit	English Proficiency Requirements
Faculty of Arts and Humanities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PhD Programmes: Follow UM's English proficiency requirements (please refer to Item i) & Item ii) below), CET 6 score of 430 or above is also accepted. PhD in Linguistics (English) and PhD in Literary Studies (English): CET 6 score of 600 or TEM 8 score of 70 above is required. Doctor of Fine Arts (DFA): Follow UM's English proficiency requirements in general* (please refer to Item i) & Item ii) below), CET 6 score of 430 or above is also accepted. English score from the Mainland China's Graduate Entrance Exam score and CET4 score will also be accepted. English proficiency assessment will be arranged by the academic unit. Doctor of Design in Visual Communication Design (DDES-VCD): Follow UM's English proficiency requirements in general* (please refer to Item i) & Item ii) below), CET 6 score of 430 or above is also accepted. English score from the Mainland China's Graduate Entrance Exam score and CET4 score will also be accepted. English proficiency assessment will be arranged by the academic unit.
Faculty of Business Administration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PhD Programmes: Follow UM's English proficiency requirements, please refer to Item i) & Item ii) below. Doctor of Business Administration (DBA): Submission of English Proficiency is not compulsory.
Faculty of Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PhD Programmes: Follow UM's English proficiency requirements, please refer to Item i) & Item ii) below. Doctor of Education (EdD): Submission of English Proficiency is not compulsory.
Faculty of Health Sciences	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PhD Programmes: Follow UM's English proficiency requirements (please refer to Item i) & Item ii) below), CET 6 score of 430 or above is also accepted. Doctor of Public Health (DrPH): Applicants who received their Bachelor's / Master's degree from a university where the medium of instruction was not English are required to provide any of the following as proof of English proficiency: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Obtained a TOEFL score of 507 (paper-based examination) / 64 (Internet-based examination) or above or, ➤ An IELTS overall score of 5.5 or above with no sub-score lower than 5.0 or, ➤ Level 4 of College English Test (CET 4) score of 425 or above.
Faculty of Law	PhD Programmes: Follow UM's English proficiency requirements (please refer to Item i) & Item ii) below), CET 6 score of 430 or above is also accepted.



Academic Unit	English Proficiency Requirements
Faculty of Social Sciences	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PhD Programmes: Follow UM's English language proficiency requirements (please refer to Item i) & Item ii) below), CET 6 score of 500 or above is also accepted. PhD in Communication: an IELTS score of 6.5 or above with no sub-score lower than 5.5 is required, other requirements will be the same with UM's English proficiency requirements. <p>Doctor of Public Administration (DPA): Submission of English Proficiency is not compulsory.</p>
Faculty of Science & Technology	PhD Programmes: Follow UM's English proficiency requirements (please refer to Item i) & Item ii) below), CET 6 score of 430 or above is also accepted.
Institute of Applied Physics and Materials Engineering	PhD Programmes: Follow UM's English proficiency requirements, please refer to Item i) & Item ii) below, CET 6 score of 430 or above is also accepted.
Institute of Collaborative Innovation	PhD Programmes: Follow UM's English proficiency requirements, please refer to Item i) & Item ii) below, CET 6 score of 430 or above is also accepted.
Institute of Chinese Medical Sciences	PhD Programmes: Follow UM's English proficiency requirements, please refer to Item i) & Item ii) below, CET 6 score of 430 or above is also accepted.

Details of UM's English Proficiency Requirements

i) Applicants who received their Bachelor's / Master's degree from a university where the medium of instruction was not English are required to provide any of the following as proof of English proficiency:

- Obtained a TOEFL* score of 550 (paper-based examination) / 80 (Internet-based examination) or above or,
- An IELTS* score of 6.0 or above with no sub-score lower than 5.5 or,
- College English Test (CET) score is acceptable to some academic units, please visit corresponding website of each academic unit for details.

*Note: TOEFL and IELTS scores are valid for two years from the test date.

ii) Applicants who received their Bachelor's/Master's degree from a university where the medium of instruction was English are required to provide a proof of English as the medium of instruction, if deemed necessary, issued by the applicants' university where their Bachelor's/Master's degree was obtained (UM's current students and graduates are not required to provide such proof if the medium of instruction of the programme is English).