**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