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ENGLISH LANGUAGE EXCEPTION REQUEST FOR DISSERTATION FORM Submit to the Graduate School

Policy and Parameters for Doctoral Dissertations in Languages other than English

The language in which doctoral dissertations are written and defended is assumed to be English. The Graduate Faculty recognizes that other languages may be deemed appropriate depending on the context of the research conducted by doctoral students. A language other than English may be proposed to write and defend a dissertation, provided that criteria ensuring the integrity of scholarship are met and the process is properly documented. Additional requirements may be set by each doctoral program.

Minimum Criteria

- The candidate must exhibit the necessary proficiency in the proposed language to conduct in-depth, quality research as determined by the faculty of the doctoral program.
- The dissertation committee members are fully able to advise and assist the student in preparing a dissertation on the proposed topic in this language as determined by the chair of the dissertation committee.
- The dissertation research in the alternative language must be helpful to the candidate's professional and scholarly development.
- The prospect of publication of dissertation research findings in the proposed language is important to the discipline.
- For purposes of dissertation publishing and indexing, the abstract and title of the dissertation will be in English.
- The process of research protocols must be conducted in English and will not be affected by this exception.

Process

The doctoral candidate's dissertation committee has the responsibility of determining whether the dissertation meets writing standards in the alternative language. The doctoral student must notify the dissertation chair of the intent to write and defend the dissertation in an alternative language. Upon approval by the dissertation chair, the student will secure signatures from the graduate advisor and graduate school dean.

This form must be attached to the doctoral **Application for Doctoral Candidacy**. Please return this form to the Office of Graduate School, Mike Loya Academic Services Building, Room 223.

English language exception requested for use of (proposed language) _____

Student Name: _____ UTEP ID: _____

Doctoral Program: _____ E-mail: _____

Dissertation Topic: _____

Criteria for integrity of the dissertation research and writing process. Writing language exceptions may be granted if the following conditions are met :

- The candidate exhibits the necessary proficiency in English and the alternative language to conduct in-depth, quality research as determined by the faculty of the doctoral program.
- The dissertation committee members are fully able to advise and assist the student in preparing a dissertation on the research topic in the proposed language as determined by the chair of the dissertation committee.
- The dissertation research in the proposed language will be helpful to the candidate's professional and scholarly development.
- The prospect of publication of dissertation research findings in the proposed language is important to the discipline.
- For purposes of publishing and indexing, the abstract and title of the dissertation will be in English.
- The process of research protocols will be conducted in English and will not be affected by the request for this exception.
- Other (explain in attached letter).

The undersigned certify that the candidate will meet the above criteria for the integrity of the research and writing in a language other than English.

Dissertation Committee Chair: _____ Signature & Date: _____

Doctoral Program Director: _____ Signature & Date: _____

Academic Dean: _____ Signature & Date: _____

Dean of the Graduate School: _____ Signature & Date: _____