

## Curriculum

### PhD in English Language Studies

#### Philosophy

Currently, the ability to communicate in English effectively is recognized as essential in areas, such as education and business. A person who can communicate well in English will likely be given more opportunities for personal and professional development, such as to furthering their education or getting promoted, than one with limited knowledge of English. In addition, the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) will be established in 2015, allowing people in the ASEAN community to work in any AEC member country outside their own country. This has created the necessity to produce graduates in different fields with good English proficiency. One of the key factors to achieve this goal is to have qualified English language teachers.

The School of Foreign Languages, Institute of Social Technology, Suranaree University of Technology, has offered a master's degree and a doctoral program in English Language Studies since 1999 and 2001 respectively. The program has succeeded in producing 57 graduates, 44 Thai and 13 international. Both curricula adhere to the aim of producing graduates who can both teach and conduct research in language learning/teaching, and most importantly, who value moral virtue and professional ethics.

#### Objectives:

To produce PhD graduates with the following qualifications

- Knowledge and expertise in English teaching/learning, in using technology to enhance English teaching, and the ability to integrate the knowledge obtained to develop English teaching/learning efficiently.
- A mastery of research skills, the ability to think and plan research systematically to study topics of interest, expertise related to English Language Studies, and the ability to create a new body of knowledge in English teaching/learning.
- Moral virtue and professional ethics.

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### Total Credits

- Plan 1: Thesis Only  
The student with a master's degree 60 credits (minimum)
- Plan 2: Coursework and Thesis
  - Scheme 2.1 For students with a master's degree 60 credits (minimum)
  - Scheme 2.2 For students with a bachelor's degree 90 credits (minimum)

### Program Structure

- Plan 1: Thesis Only  
Option 1.1  
Students pursuing the doctoral degree under this option must be master's degree holders. No coursework is required. However, students may be required to audit courses recommended by the supervisor.  
Thesis (minimum) 60 credits
- Plan 2: Coursework and Thesis  
Option 2.1  
Students must be master's degree holders. They are required to take a minimum of 16 credits of coursework and a minimum of 45 credit of thesis as follows. Total credits are 61.  
Core courses 10 credits  
Electives (minimum) 6 credits  
Doctoral thesis (minimum) 45 credits

## Option 2.2

Students with a bachelor's degree are required to take a minimum of 31 credits of coursework and a minimum of 60 credits of thesis as follows. Total credits are 91.

Core courses	10	credits
Electives (minimum)	21	credits
Doctoral thesis (minimum)	60	credits

## Courses in the Doctoral Program

### Compulsory Courses (10 credits)

223611 Quantitative Research

223612 Qualitative Research

223613 Research in Practice

### Elective Courses (6 or 21 credits)

#### 1. Research Skill Enhancement

223614 Statistics for Research in English Language Studies

223615 Research Seminar in English Language Studies

223616 Independent Study in English Language Studies

223617 Writing Up Research and Thesis

#### 2. Technology Applications

223621 Innovations in Second Language Learning

223622 Instructional Design

223623 Advanced Technology-Enhanced Second Language Learning

#### 3. Language Analysis

223631 Discourse Analysis

223632 Pragmatics and Language Learning

223633 Sociolinguistics

223634 Corpus Linguistics

223635 Translation

223636 Psycholinguistics

223637 Syntax

#### 4. TEFL

223641 Testing, Evaluation, and Assessment in Language Learning

223642 Culture and Language Teaching

223643 Learner Autonomy in Language Learning

223644 Curriculum Development and Quality Assurance

223645 Trends and Issues in English Language Studies

223646 Focus on Form in Second Language Learning

#### *Thesis*

##### **Plan 1: Thesis Only**

223651 Doctoral Thesis	60 credits
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##### **Plan 2: Coursework and Thesis**

###### **Option 2.1**

223651 Doctoral Thesis	45 credits
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###### **Option 2.2**

223651 Doctoral Thesis	60 credits
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## Study Plan

### Plan 1: Thesis Only

Year	1 <sup>st</sup> Trimester	2 <sup>nd</sup> Trimester	3 <sup>rd</sup> Trimester
1	223651 Doctoral Thesis (3)	223651 Doctoral Thesis (3)	223651 Doctoral Thesis (3)
	Total 3 credits	Total 3 credits	Total 3 credits
2	223651 Doctoral Thesis (6)	223651 Doctoral Thesis (9)	223651 Doctoral Thesis (9)
	Total 6 credits	Total 9 credits	Total 9 credits
3	223651 Doctoral Thesis (9)	223651 Doctoral Thesis (9)	223651 Doctoral Thesis (9)
	Total 9 credits	Total 9 credits	Total 9 credits

### Plan 2 Option 2.1: Coursework and Thesis

Year	1 <sup>st</sup> Trimester	2 <sup>nd</sup> Trimester	3 <sup>rd</sup> Trimester
1	223617 Writing Up (S/U)	223612 Qualitative Research (2)	223613 Research in Practice (3)
	Research and Thesis	Elective (3)	223651 Doctoral Thesis (3)
	223611 Quantitative Research (4)		
	Elective (3)		
	Total 7 credits	Total 5 credits	Total 6 credits
2	223651 Doctoral Thesis (3)	223651 Doctoral Thesis (6)	223651 Doctoral Thesis (6)
	Total 3 credits	Total 6 credits	Total 6 credits
3	223651 Doctoral Thesis (9)	223651 Doctoral Thesis (9)	223651 Doctoral Thesis (9)
	Total 9 credits	Total 9 credits	Total 9 credits

## Plan 2 Option 2.2: Coursework and Thesis

Year	1 <sup>st</sup> Trimester	2 <sup>nd</sup> Trimester	3 <sup>rd</sup> Trimester
1	223617 Writing Up Research and Thesis (S/U) 223611 Quantitative Research Elective (3)	223612 Qualitative Research (2) Elective (3) Elective (3)	223613 Research in Practice (3) Elective (3) Elective (3)
	Total 7 credits	Total 8 credits	Total 9 credits
2	Elective (3) Elective (3) 223651 Doctoral Thesis (3)	223651 Doctoral Thesis (3)	223651 Doctoral Thesis (6)
	Total 9 credits	Total 3 credits	Total 6 credits
3	223651 Doctoral Thesis (6)	223651 Doctoral Thesis (6)	223651 Doctoral Thesis (9)
	Total 6 credits	Total 6 credits	Total 9 credits
4	223651 Doctoral Thesis (9)	223651 Doctoral Thesis (9)	223651 Doctoral Thesis (9)
	Total 9 credits	Total 9 credits	Total 9 credits