

Discussed by the GPC on 9-28-15. Approved by the GPC on 1-11-16. Approved by Faculty Senate on 2-18-16 with one friendly amendment.

Language of the Theses, Dissertations, and Treatises-

On September 28, 2015, the GPC discussed if it was acceptable for theses or dissertations to be written in a foreign language. The GPC was amenable to this alternative, but cautioned against writing the entirety of the thesis or dissertation in a foreign language. At the time, Dean Marcus stated that she would consult with the Department of Modern Language and Linguistics and work on some language.

Dean Marcus proposed the following new language:

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The typical language of the dissertation, treatise, or thesis is English. Under special circumstances the Major Professor, the Academic Unit Head and the Supervisory Committee may approve writing the body of the thesis/dissertation in a language other than English if doing so is essential for scholarly reasons. Lack of sufficient English competency is not an acceptable justification for using an alternative language. The Major Professor shall immediately notify the Dean of the College and the Dean of the Graduate School for all cases where such approval has been granted. Notification requires completion of the ETD Alternative Language for the Dissertation /Treatise/ Thesis Form. All committee members must be completely proficient in the alternative language. It is the responsibility of the Major Professor and the Supervisory Committee to ascertain that the candidate's thesis/dissertation is written in acceptable English or an alternative language, in an appropriate scholarly style. All non-English-language dissertations, treatises, or theses must have the preliminary pages and main section headings in English. This would include the content of the title page, committee page, acknowledgments, abstract and biographical sketch. All main section headings, including chapter and appendix headings, must be in English, but chapter/appendix titles may be in the chosen language.

Language of the Defense

The defense shall be conducted in English.