## Dharma Drum Institute of Liberal Arts Instructions for the Exemption from Freshmen English Courses at the Bachelor's Program of the Department of Buddhist Studies

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- I. The Institute's bachelor's program freshmen are required to take one academic year of English according to the course selection regulations, with a total of 4 credits in the first and second semesters, and a passing grade can be graduated.
- II. Eligibility Criteria:
- (1) Students with outstanding English proficiency demonstrated by concrete evidence within the past three years or approved by the course instructor to take the exemption exam.
- (2) Students who have completed freshman English courses or graduated from an English department (undergraduate or graduate) at a domestic university.
- (3) Students who have studied in English-speaking countries for more than two years within the past three years and can provide relevant proof, subject to the course-offering unit's approval.
- (4) Students who have passed an externally recognized English proficiency test within the past three years, holding valid proof or transcripts, may apply to the course-offering unit. Approved tests include:
- 1. General English Proficiency Test (GEPT): High-Intermediate Level (both written and oral tests).
- 2. New TOEIC: Score of 785 or above (listening: 400+, reading: 385+).
- 3. TOEFL Internet-Based Test (iBT): Score of 71 or above.
- 4. TOEFL Institutional Testing Program (ITP): Score of 527 or above.
- 5. TOEFL Computer-Based Test (CBT): Score of 197 or above.
- 6. International English Language Testing System (IELTS): Band score of 5.5 or above.
- 7. Foreign Language Proficiency Test (FLPT): Score of 240 or above.
- 8. Cambridge Main Suite Exams: FCE or above.
- 9. National English Test Proficiency Assessment on the Web (NETPAW): High-

Intermediate Level or above.

- 10. General Tests of English Language Proficiency (G-TELP): Level 2 or above.
- 11. Global English Test (GET): Level B2 or above.
- III. Application Deadline: Applications must be submitted before the course add/drop deadline each semester. Late applications will not be accepted.
- IV. Review Process:
- (1) Initial approval by the course instructor, with an exam conducted if necessary.
- (2) Final review and approval by the course-offering unit.
- V. Required Documents:
- (1) A completed application form.
- (2) Relevant proof of test scores or academic records.
- VI. Approved exemptions will be recorded in the student's freshman transcript. These credits will not be included in the semester or graduation GPA but will be noted as "Exempted" in the grade column.
- VII. These Instructions shall be approved by the Teaching and Research Meetings and promulgated for implementation after approval by the Vice-President, and the same shall apply when it is revised.