

Language in which Thesis is written

The medium of instruction at the University of Queensland is English. As a result, research higher degree theses are written in English unless the candidate obtains specific permission on academic grounds to write a thesis in a language other than English (LOTE). Note that the general principle that theses are written in English does not preclude the reproduction of texts in the original language where there are no adequate English translations available, or where the use of the original text is important to the understanding of the thesis as a whole, or to the argument of a particular section of it.

An applicant or a provisional candidate may make a case to the Dean, UQ Graduate School that their thesis would be more appropriately written in a language other than English (LOTE). In considering a request, the Dean takes into account

- the candidate's research topic,
- the extent to which it is intimately associated with the study of that language,
- the capacity of the school to provide continuity of linguistic expertise in the advisory team,
- the availability of expert assessors able to read the thesis in the nominated language, and
- whether its presentation in English would compromise the argument of the thesis.

A candidate's lack of proficiency in the English language is **not** an appropriate reason for seeking to write a LOTE thesis. Conversely, receiving approval to write a LOTE thesis does not remove the requirement for a candidate to meet the University's [English language proficiency admission requirements](#), to operate in an English language environment, to speak with school colleagues in English, to complete progress reports and other documents in English, and so on.

The school may, on advice from the principal advisor, require the candidate to prepare a version of the confirmation document in the other language to assure the quality of the candidate's academic writing in that language. The decision whether or not to write a LOTE thesis must be resolved by no later than confirmation of candidature.

If approval is given to write a LOTE thesis, the thesis must have an English language abstract as well as a LOTE abstract.