

RMIT's COMMITMENT TO ENGLISH-FIRST

What is it?

The RMIT English-first Commitment is our way of always delivering a caring, respectful and inclusive learning and teaching environment by connecting with each other using the common language we share. These guidelines outline what is expected of students on campus in learning, preparing your future career, and also how we represent RMIT publicly and online.

Why is it important?

RMIT University Vietnam is a global university with English as the Medium of Instruction (EMI). We have a culturally and linguistically diverse community of staff and students. We commit to provide quality education of international standards delivered in English to get our students ready for life and work in a global economy. The usage of a common language also ensures that we all feel included and respected

What do I need to do?

- Understand that English is our common and inclusive language connection and help others with their commitment to English-first at RMIT
- Use English within the classes and in common areas to maintain an inclusive and respectful environment
- English is the primary language used when using services such as RMIT Connect, SAS, Library, or REC. It includes using English in multilingual team environments, and through all communication including social media and multimedia content (Vietnamese subtitles permitted where appropriate).
- Vietnamese may be used secondarily and in translation to aid comprehension and/or clarify meaning. In these cases, the text published should be written in both English and Vietnamese with English appearing above the Vietnamese content. Auto-translators are not acceptable.
- All inter-group communication including emails, discussions and meeting minutes are to be written in English, and meetings are to be conducted in English.
- Be mindful that speaking in a language other than English may cause exclusionary in the team or class environments

Exceptional Circumstances

A second language is not permitted except in the context of:

- The Japanese and Vietnamese courses in the Bachelor of Languages program, and the Vietnamese for Professional Communications course.

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- Counselling services with Wellbeing, Student Academic Success, communicating with cleaning, maintenance and security staff
- For Teens English Program students or English students at levels from Beginner through to Advanced, English and Vietnamese can be used interchangeably as a bilingual approach to language use.
- Socially, on campus, it's up to the individual which language to use but in all instances, we should always be aware of the University's goal of inclusion.