

LANGUAGE POLICY

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1. Purpose

This policy specifies the language of instruction at Greenside Design Center College of Design (GDC).

2. Policy

GDC's equal opportunities policy is based on a humanist tradition which gives equal value to all individuals and therefore strives to provide the necessary support that allows students to fully benefit from the educational opportunities offered at GDC. Ideally this would mean that all communication should be in the student's home language. This is not possible for reasons including discipline-bound constraints such as subject terminology, availability of academic materials, the availability both of staff to teach through the medium and to translate existing material into the medium. All communication and hence the language of instruction at GDC is English as this will, at present, give students the best academic access.

Support in academic writing has been included in the undergraduate curricular to develop all students' English academic writing. At postgraduate level students are advised to submit their Research Papers to an editor before final submission. GDC has accommodated students with hearing disabilities in the past and additional support is negotiated at the admission interview and depends on the needs of each applicant.

3. Version History

Version Control	Date Effective	Approved By:	Nature of Amendments
1	January 2011	Academic Board	Not applicable
2	January 2012	Quality Assurance Facilitator	Minor formatting amendments in line with the policy standards
3	June 2015	Executive Committee	Rebranding
4	January 2016	Head of Quality Promotion	Academic writing, editing

