An investigation into English Medium Instruction in higher education in Thailand and Vietnam

Research tools
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1. Student questionnaire

QUESTIONNAIRE about your views on English Medium Instruction (EMI) in university settings

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Firstly, please answer these personal questions.

*Q1. What is your gender?
☐ Male
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*Q2. What is your nationality?

*Q2-2. What context are you CURRENTLY studying in?

*Q3. How old are you?
☐ 18 or 19
☐ 20-30
☐ 31-40
☐ 41-50
☐ 51-60
☐ Over 60
*Q4. What is your year of study?
- 1st year undergraduate
- 2nd year undergraduate
- 3rd year undergraduate
- 4th year undergraduate
- Graduate student (masters)
- Graduate student (post-doctoral)
- Other (please specify)

*Q5. What is the name of your university?
(Please write the name of your university below.)

Q5o. If you are an international student, what is the name of your university?
(Please write the name of your university below.)

*Q6. What is your major?

*Q7. At what age did you start learning English?
- 0-3
- 4-7
- 8-11
- 12-15
- 16-19
- 20 or over

*Q8. How long have you spent living outside of your home country?
- I had never been abroad
- Less than 1 month
- 1 to 6 months
- 7 months to 1 year
- 1 to 3 years
- More than 3 years

Q8o. If you have experience abroad, please give details below, e.g. where and why were you there?
Section II
Secondly, please answer these questions about your EMI programme. They require you to tick a box and some also ask you for more information. Please write in the box provided.

*Q9. Are you enrolled in an English medium instruction programme (one that delivers all or some content through English)? (Please note that if you are an international student, this question relates to the university you are currently studying at)
- Yes
- No

Q9o. If you answered "Yes" to the previous question (Q9), please describe this programme below (e.g. is it a full degree programme in English, a sequence of courses, a collection of classes taught in English):

*Q10. Is there an English language proficiency requirement to enter this programme?
- Yes
- No
- Don't know

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Other (please specify)

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Q13. Before commencing this EMI programme/class, what experience did you have studying content in English?

- No experience
- Less than 1 month
- 1 to 3 months
- 4 to 6 months
- 7 months to 1 year
- 1 to 2 year
- 3 to 4 years
- More than 5 years

Q13o. If you have experience, please specify (e.g. where, what subject, etc.):

*Q14. What were your reasons for enrolling in this EMI programme? Please tick

- a) To practise or learn English
- b) To practise or learn the language spoken in the country I am studying in
- c) Interest in the content

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**Section III**

Thirdly, please answer these questions about your views on lecturers working in English medium instruction programmes. They require you to tick a box and some also ask you for more information. Please write in the box provided.

*Q18. Where do your EMI teachers mainly come from?
- The same nationality as me
- Native English-speaking country
- Other non-native English-speaking country

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Strongly Disagree Disagree Agree Strongly Agree
- Strongly Disagree
- Disagree
- Agree
- Strongly Agree

Q21o. Please explain your answer to the previous question below:

*Q22. In my context (the country you are currently studying in), the following characteristics are important for teachers who teach and work using English as a medium of instruction in EMI programmes:

Strongly Disagree Disagree Agree Strongly Agree

a) Native-like accent
- Strongly Disagree
- Disagree
- Agree
- Strongly Agree

b) Experience abroad
- Strongly Disagree
- Disagree
- Agree
- Strongly Agree

c) Knowledge of subject
- Strongly Disagree
- Disagree
- Agree
- Strongly Agree

d) Knowledge of English
- Strongly Disagree
- Disagree
- Agree
- Strongly Agree

e) Clear explanations
- Strongly Disagree
- Disagree
- Agree
- Strongly Agree

f) Sensitive to students' needs and problem
- Strongly Disagree
- Disagree
- Agree
- Strongly Agree

g) Knowledge of students' language and culture
- Strongly Disagree
- Disagree
- Agree
- Strongly Agree

h) Teaching Experience
- Strongly Disagree
- Disagree
- Agree
- Strongly Agree

i) Teaching Methods
- Strongly Disagree
- Disagree
- Agree
- Strongly Agree
### Section IV

**Lastly, please answer these final questions relating to your opinion on EMI. Feel free to write as much as you want. Your opinions are very valuable to me.**

*Q23. EMI is appropriate in my context (the country you are currently studying in) at the following levels:

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Q24o. Please explain your answer to the previous question below:

*Q25. EMI programmes improve students’ overall knowledge of the subject I am studying.

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If "Other", please specify:  

[Box provided for additional comments]
Q25o. Please explain your answer to the previous question below:

*Q26. There are sufficient materials (e.g. coursebooks) for learning my subject in English.

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Q27. What is your overall opinion on EMI in your context?
2. Teacher questionnaire

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* Q2. What is your nationality?

* What context do you currently teach in? If you are teaching in multiple contexts, please choose "Other" and write the name of the context below

* Q3. How old are you?
  ○ 20-30
  ○ 31-40
  ○ 41-50
  ○ 51-60
*Q4. What students do you teach?  
**Multiple choices**  
- 1st year undergraduate  
- 2nd year undergraduate  
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- 4th year undergraduate  
- Graduate student (masters)  
- Graduate student (post doctoral/doctoral)  
- Other (please specify)  

*Q5. What is the name of your university?  
(If you teach at more than one university then please explain)  

*Q6. What major/subject do you teach?  
(Please write the name of the degree/subject you are teaching below. This includes academic skills and/or English support classes, e.g. EAP on a Global Studies programme).  

*Q7. How long have you been teaching this major/subject/course (This includes experience teaching at another university)?  
- Less than 1 year  
- 1 to 4 years  
- 5 to 9 years  
- 10 years or more  

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If you have experience working outside of your home country, please give details below, e.g. country, type of job, etc.  

*Q8-2. Where did you study for your doctorate?
I don’t have
☐ Yes, I have. (Please write the name of the country you studied for your doctorate)

Section II

*Q9. Do you teach on an English Medium Instruction (EMI) programme (one that delivers all or some content through English)?

☐ Yes
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Q11o. If you answered "Yes" to Q.11, please give details below (e.g. what percentage of your classes are made up of international students, where do they come from, what classes do they take, etc.):

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*Q13o. If you have experience, please specify (e.g. where, subject, etc.):*


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Section III

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*Q21-2. I believe that those teaching on EMI programmes are adequately supported by the university.

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Q21-2o. Please feel free to write additional comments in response to Q. 21-2 below:

*Q22. In my context, the following characteristics are important for lecturers working on EMI programmes:

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### Section IV

Lastly, please answer these final questions relating to your opinion on EMI.

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*Q24. EMI programmes/classes improve students' overall English language proficiency.

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Q24o. Please feel free to write additional comments in response to Q. 24 below:

*Q25. EMI programmes/classes improve students’ overall knowledge of the subject they are studying (e.g. business).

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Q25o. Please feel free to write additional questions in response to Q. 25 below:

*Q26. There are sufficient materials (e.g. coursebooks) for learning university subjects in English.

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Q26o. Please feel free to write additional comments in response to Q. 26 below:

Q27. What is your overall opinion on EMI in your context?
3. Interview guide (student)

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I am interested in understanding your experiences of and views on EMI. Your views are VERY important to me, so please feel free to talk openly and honestly. There are no right and wrong answers and I will not share your answers with anyone. You are also free to request a transcript of the interview if you wish.”

Stage One: Narrative

1. Firstly, could you please begin by telling me about yourself and your EMI programme? For example, you can tell me what you are studying, year of study, name of university, your previous experience learning content through English, English language proficiency, etc.

I will listen and not interrupt you until you have finished. Please take as much time as you feel necessary and tell me all the details that you want. If you need to be reminded of the topics, let me know.

Stage Two: Prompts

1. **EMI**

With the globalisation of English, universities around the globe are beginning to move towards English Medium Instruction (EMI) programmes and attract international students, even in countries where English has no official status.

- **What do you think are the main driving forces behind such moves in your context?**
- **Why did you enroll in these programmes?**
- **Based on what you have said,** how do you feel about moves towards EMI in your context?

2. **English**

The global EMI movement in non-native English speaking contexts marks a new era for English language use in the academic domain. With an increasing number of international students and staff, the language is being used as an international lingua franca. However, despite this growing use of ELF, in many contexts, ‘standard’ academic norms prevail.
- In what ways is English used in lectures, classes and materials in your EMI programme?
- What is your opinion on the ‘norms’ that are used?
- What is your opinion on the use of other languages on EMI programmes?
- Does your university provide a preparation course before entering your programme?

2. Training

In some EMI programmes, language teachers and content specialists work together in the delivery of content classes. In others, they work completely separately. Opinion on the internationalisation of higher education and movements towards EMI is divided.

- Do you think it is possible to learn content through English?
- Do you believe that EMI content lecturers (e.g. a maths or geography teacher) should also help students with their English language proficiency?
- Do you believe that EMI content classes should be supplemented with English language support class provided by English teachers?
- What characteristics/skills are important for teachers who teach and work in the medium of English in EMI programmes in your context?

Stage Three: Closing

- Thank you for your time today. Is there anything you would like to add that hasn’t been covered in this interview?
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Stage One: Narrative

2. Firstly, could you please begin by telling me about yourself and your teaching career? For example, you can tell me when you joined this university, what EMI experience you had before taking up this post, etc.

I will listen and not interrupt you until you have finished. Please take as much time as you feel necessary and tell me all the details that you want. If you need to be reminded of the topics, let me know.

3. Secondly, could you tell me about your English language learning experience and any training you received to teach content through English. (including teacher preparation programmes in your own context, skills needed to teach on EMI programmes, etc.)

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Go round the group and introduce yourself briefly, telling the group about:

your name, nationality, programme study on, experience with EMI, etc.

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The spread of English around the world has seen an increase in importance placed on English language education and education through English around the world. The internationalisation of higher education institutes (HEI) has become a priority for universities worldwide who are in competition to attract international students and develop a global presence.

Discuss:

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- your own opinion on such moves
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