



**Language Institute
Thammasat University
EL341 English for Economists II
Course Outline: Semester 1/2020**

Pre-requisite: EL 241

Course Description:

This course aims to build on the skills learnt in EL 241 towards a higher level understanding of how professionals communicate about economics. Students are encouraged to be critical of current global events and decision making as well as learn how to communicate their own opinions. Advanced reading, listening, speaking and writing skills are developed and evaluated in the form of classroom discussions, written reports examinations, and academic presentations.

Learning Outcomes:

Upon successful completion of the course, students will be able to:

- understand vocabulary and language functions related to English for Economics
- build academic English language skills within the context of economics
- develop student’s ability to read and understand a variety of text types such as newspaper reports, academic texts and editorials
- identify and make notes of main points in articles and lectures
- use skills of paraphrasing and summary writing to produce well-structured, coherent reports and assignments
- effectively structure and administer logical academic presentations
- have a broader understanding of the international world of economics through reading news, leading seminars, watching videos, and producing newspapers

Textbook/Teaching Materials:

- *English for Economics* – Course Materials
- Current economic news articles from such sources as *The Bangkok Post*, *The Nation*, *The Guardian*, *The Economist*, *The New York Times*, and *BBC News*.

Course Evaluation:

-Attendance and Participation	10 points
-Midterm Examination	50 points
-Final Exam	70 points
-Assignments	70 points

Be the teacher	10 points
Economics Essay	20 points
Newspaper	20 points
Final Presentation	20 points

-Total 200 points

Attendance Policy:

1. Students are required to attend at least 80% of the total class hours. They cannot be absent more than 3 times before the midterm examination and 3 times before the final examination.

2. For each incidence of lateness 1 point will be deducted. For each unexcused absence 2 points will be deducted. Attendance scores can be reduced for lack of participation despite physical presence.

Plagiarism Policy:

Students of Thammasat University are required to refrain from any kind of plagiarism, i.e. an act of copying other people's work, such as language, thoughts, or expressions, without crediting the original author(s). Copying any sentences or paragraphs from any sources, e.g. websites, books, etc., and pasting them into students' assignments are thus considered cheating, which will result in a mark of zero for the assignment.

Instructors, Times and Venues:

Sec/Gr	Day	Time	Room	Instructor
820001	Monday	13.30 – 16.30	SC 2014	A. Benjamin Moore
820002	Monday	13.30 – 16.30	SC 2014	A. Benjamin Moore

Tentative Teaching Schedule:

Week	Dates	Topics
1	10 th August 2020	Introduction to course. Unit 1 Macroeconomics
2	17 th August 2020	Features of Academic Writing + Participating in Discussions
3	24 th August 2020	Unit 2 Problems with Debt Contemporary Economics News Article
4	31 st August 2020	Writing: Adopting an academic writing style (Essay Topics Set)
5	7 th September 2020	The European Debt Crisis <i>Discussions + Giving Opinions</i>
6	14 th September 2020	(Be the teacher activity) Unit 3 Market Trends – describing economic trends
7	21 st September 2020	Unit 3 Market Trends – practice
8	28th September 2020	MIDTERM EXAMINATION (14.30-16.30)
9	5 th October 2020	Unit 4 - Globalization Proof reading and rewriting. Avoiding Plagiarism
10	12 th October 2020	Globalization – Organizing Paragraphs + Discussion
11	19 th October 2020	Writing: Finding Key Points and Note-Taking (Newspaper Project) Unit 5 Inequality & its threats to economic growth
12	26 th October 2020	Writing: Paraphrasing & Summary Writing
13	2 nd November 2020	Prohibition & the dark economy Presentations 1
14	9 th November 2020	Economics & the Environment Presentations 2 (<i>Final Essay Deadline</i>)
15	16 th November 2020	Course Summary and Exam Preparation Newspaper Project Submission
16	23 rd November 2020	Individual Economics Presentations
	11th December 2020	FINAL EXAMINATION (13.00-16.00)

