



**Language Institute
Thammasat University
EL217: Speaking and Listening for Academic Purposes
Course Outline 1/2020**

Course Description

This course aims to provide students with extensive practice in English oral communication and listening skills for an academic environment. Students will practice communication for academic purposes. As part of the course, students will listen to materials from a variety of sources such as lectures, seminars and news reports. Techniques and strategies for speaking in public will be provided along with opportunities for presenting presentations and participating in group discussions.

Course Objectives

- To develop academic listening and speaking skills
- To develop critical thinking and group discussion skills
- To develop oral presentation skills
- To develop vocabulary and grammar skills

Materials

The core text for the course is *Skillful Listening & Speaking* by Ellen Kisslinger and Lida Baker. It is available at the Language Institute Academic Affairs Office. Other supplementary handouts may be supplied as appropriate.

Active Learning Activities & Course Evaluation

This course is student-centered and activity-oriented. Students are encouraged to perform in class regularly in order to develop and improve their listening and speaking skills. The score distribution is as follows:

Attendance	10 points
Assignments	30 points
Midterm Exam Speaking Test	15 points
Final Exam Speaking Test	15 points
Final Exam Listening Test	30 points
Total score	100 points

Attendance Policy

One point is deducted for each unexcused absence.

Schedule and Instructors

Add/Drop period: 17 – 21 August

Drop “W” period: 12 October – 15 November

Public Holidays: 12 August, HM Queen Mother’s Birthday
13 October, Rama IV Memorial Day
23 October, Rama V Memorial Day

Final examination: 9:00am on 8 December 2020

Tentative Teaching Schedule EL 217 Semester 1/2020

Week	Dates	Topics
1	10-14 August 2020	Unit 1: Identity
2	17- 21 August 2020	Unit 1: Identity
3	24-28 August 2020	Unit 2: Design
4	31 August – 4 September 2020	Unit 2: Design
5	7-11 September 2020	Unit 5: Movement
6	14- 18 September 2020	Unit 5: Movement
7	21-25 September 2020	Speaking Test
	Midterm Exam Week	No Class
8	5-9 October 2020	Unit 6: Disease
9	12-16 October 2020	Unit 6: Disease
10	19-23 October 2020	Unit 8: Drive

11	26-30 October 2020	Unit 8: Drive
12	2-6 November	Unit 10: Tomorrow
13	9-13 November	Unit 10: Tomorrow
14	16-20 November	Course Review / Speaking Test Part 1
15	23-27 November	Speaking Test Part 2
	8 December 2020	FINAL EXAMINATION (09.00) (Listening Test)