



**Language Institute  
Thammasat University  
EL 241 English for Economists 1**

**Course Outline  
Semester 1/2020**

**Pre-requisite:** EL 172 or TU 105

**Course Description:**

This course aims to develop an understanding of the language of economics in English through listening to lectures, exploring reading texts, and discussing contemporary economic issues. At this level, students are presented with the relevant academic vocabulary and study skills associated with English for economics including note taking, paraphrasing and engaging in group discussions about basic economic issues. Students develop skills in describing economic trends and making predictions, note taking, and communicating economic debates.

**Learning Outcomes:**

The course is designed to promote students' improvement in four language skills. At the end of the course, students are expected to achieve the following learning targets:

Receptive skills (listening and reading):

- Recognise text organization and the interconnectedness between paragraphs/parts
- Identify topics and main ideas of economic texts and lectures
- Distinguish main ideas from supporting details and separate facts from opinions

Productive skills (speaking and writing):

- Rewrite/retell the original content with one's own words
- Organise ideas in order to develop a short paragraph/speech
- Describe data and cause & effect
- Express ideas through argumentative writing and debates.

**Textbook/Teaching Materials:**

- Course materials will be provided by the course instructor.
- Roberts, M. (2012). *English for Economics in Higher Education Series*. Reading: Garnet Education.

### **Active Learning Activities:**

The teaching and learning style of the course is based on cooperative learning, where students will participate in group and peer activities. Other methods that will be used in the course include teaching with media, as well as lecture-based interactive discussions. Language is a communicative activity and the course is designed to be an interactive experience.

### **Course Evaluation:**

Attendance and Participation	20 points
Assignments and Quizzes (x4)*	60 points
Midterm Exam	50 points
Final Exam	<u>70</u> points
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>200</u> points</b>

#### **Assignments and quizzes include:**

Describing data and cause & effect (written)	15 points
Simple argumentative writing	15 points
Economic report (oral)	15 points
Debate on a particular economic issue	15 points

### **Attendance Policy:**

Students are expected to attend lectures and complete all requirements issued for the EL241 course. To ensure that students achieve their best and meet attendance requirements, two points can be deducted for each absence as well as lack of participation. Students who miss more than twelve hours of classes before or after the midterm will be given an “F” for the course. To optimize your education, it is advisable you attend lectures regularly.

### **Plagiarism Policy:**

One of the specific aims of Thammasat University is to instruct all students on how to be able to produce work that is original, based on their own ideas, and is a product of their own creativity. However, students at the university level often try to improve their assignments and grades by copying the work of others. Typically students will go to websites such as *Wikipedia* and copy and paste the text into their assignment, mix it with their own words and pass it off as their own work. Please refrain from doing this. If you are considering doing this, be warned, you will be caught. Plagiarism or the copying of other people’s work without proper acknowledgement is cheating and could result in a *loss of marks, repeating the assignment* or a *reduced grade* for the course.

**Instructors, Times and Venues:**

<i>Sec/Gr</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Room</i>	<i>Lecturer</i>
810001	Mon	09.30 – 12.30	SC1026	A. Dr. Pimsiri
820001	Mon	13.30 – 16.30	SC1066	A. Dr. Pimsiri
820002	Mon	13.30 – 16.30	SC1067	A. Jonathan W. Jones
820003	Mon	13.30 – 16.30	SC1068	A. Worachart
820004	Mon	13.30 – 16.30	SC1069	A. Jirapat
900001	Wed	13.30 – 16.30	SC1036	A. William Scobie
900002	Wed	13.30 – 16.30	SC1037	A. Tyler Charles
910001	Fri	13.30 – 16.30	SC1046	A. Worachart
910002	Fri	13.30 – 16.30	SC1049	A. Nakaraj

**Teaching Schedule****EL 241 English for Economists 1 (2/2019)**

<i>WKS</i>	<i>Dates</i>	<i>Topics / Activities</i>
1	10-14 August 2020	Course introduction  <i>Wed 12 August - H.M. Queen Sirikit The Queen Mother's Birthday – PUBLIC HOLIDAY</i>
2	17-21 August 2020	Topic 1: The Organisation of Economics / Lecture listening and notetaking
3	24-28 August 2020	Topic 1: The Organisation of Economics / Understanding paragraphs (reading)
4	31 Aug – 4 Sep 2020	Topic 1: The Organisation of Economics / Understanding paragraphs (writing)
5	7-11 September 2020	Topic 2: Measuring the Economy / Distinguishing main ideas and supporting details/ Describing data (writing)
6	14-18 September 2020	Topic 2: Measuring the Economy / Describing data (writing)  <i>QUIZ I descriptive paragraph</i>
7	21-25 September 2020	<i>Oral presentation (economic reports)</i>  Review Units 1-3

8	<i>Saturday 3 October 2020, 12.00-14.00 hrs</i>	<i>Mid-term examination</i>
9	5-9 October 2020	Topic 3: Economic Decision Making/ Grasping key information: Comparison and contrast (listening)
10	12-16 October 2020	Topic 3: Economic Decision Making / Comparison and contrast (writing) <i>Tue 13 Oct - H.M. King Bhumibol Adulyadej The Great Memorial Day – PUBLIC HOLIDAY</i>
11	19-23 October 2020	Topic 3: Economic Decision Making / Comparison and contrast (writing) <i>Friday 23 Oct - Chulalongkorn Memorial Day – PUBLIC HOLIDAY</i>
12	26-30 October 2020	Topic 4: Global Trade / Grasping key information: Cause and effect (listening)
13	2-6 November 2020	Topic 4: Global trade / Cause and effect (writing)
14	9-13 November 2020	Topic 4: Global Trade / Giving reasons and expressing opinions (writing)
15	16-20 November 2020	Giving reason and expressing opinions (listening & discussion) Opinion paragraph
16	23-27 November 2020	<i>Debate on a particular economic issue</i> Course Review
	<b>Final Examination</b>	<i>Saturday 12 December, 9.00-12.00 hrs.</i>

### Important Dates:

Semester Starts	10 August 2020
Semester Ends	27 November 2020
Add/Drop Period	17 - 21 August 2020
Drop W Period	12 October – 15 November 2020
Midterm Week	<u>27 September – 4 October 2020</u>