



Language Institute
Thammasat University
EL296: English for Academic Purposes I
Course Outline
Semester 1/2020

Pre-requisite: TU 105/EL 172

Course Description:

This course focuses on students' English listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills in English academic purposes. The course content includes summarizing, giving definitions, describing processes, giving instructions, explaining cause and effect relationships, and describing compare and contrast relationships.

Learning Outcomes:

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

- comprehend scientific talks,
- define scientific terms,
- categorize types of paragraphs,
- summarize scientific articles,
- describe scientific instructions & processes,
- identify cause-effect relationships,
- identify comparison-contrast relationships,
- distinguish facts from opinions, and
- design a science project.

Textbook/Teaching Materials:

1. *Sharpening English Skills for Academic Purposes I* by Asst. Prof. Chorthip Viriya
2. Supplementary materials

Active Learning Activities:

A variety of teaching and learning methods will be used. Students will have opportunities to participate in class discussion, pair work, and group work activities with the purpose of sharing their ideas and experience, as well as practicing their English skills with other students and the instructor. Learners are required to give brief oral presentations and do reading and writing tasks on topics of their interests. They are also encouraged to take responsibility for their own learning and to search for information from various sources.

Course Evaluation:

<i>Part</i>	<i>Points</i>	<i>Description</i>
<i>Attendance & Participation</i>	20	
<i>Assignments</i>	20	1. Write process or instruction paragraphs 5 points 2. Write cause & effect paragraphs or comparison & contrast paragraphs 5 points 3. Design a science project 10 points
<i>Listening Test</i>	20	Units 1- 8
<i>Midterm Examination</i>	60	Units 1- 4 Part 1: Reading Comprehension 20 items 15 points Part 2: Passage Completion 10 points Part 3: Matching and writing 2 tasks 20 points (definitions and cause & effect) Part 4: Writing 2 tasks 15 points (write a process and a summary)
<i>Final Examination</i>	80	Units 5-8 Part 1: Reading Comprehension 30 items 30 points Part 2: Passage Completion 20 points Part 3: Sentences of Compare & Contrast (10 items) 20 points Part 4: Opinion Paragraph Writing 10 points
<i>TOTAL</i>	200	

Attendance Policy:

1. Students are required to attend at least 80% of the total class hours. They cannot be absent more than 2 times before the midterm examination and 2 times before the final examination. More than 4 absences will automatically lead to an “F.”

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 or even an F grade.

Instructors, Times and Venues:

Sec/Group	Date/Time	Room	Instructor	Number of students
780001	Wed 9.30-12.30	SC-1041	Aj. Matthew P. Miklas	27
780002	Wed 9.30-12.30	SC-1042	Asst. Prof. Chorthip Viriya	25
780003	Wed 9.30-12.30	SC-1043	Aj. Steven B. Smith	26
900001	Wed 13.30-16.30	SC-1038	Aj. Matthew P. Miklas	30
900002	Wed 13.30-16.30	SC-1041	Asst. Prof. Chorthip Viriya	33
900003	Wed 13.30-16.30	SC-1042	Aj. Steven B. Smith	31
900004	Wed 13.30-16.30	SC-1043	Aj. Jon de Rennes	31
910001	Fri 13.30-16.30	SC-1050	Asst. Prof. Wanna Charoenchang	24

Tentative Teaching Schedule:

Week	Date	Topics/Units	Note
1	14 Aug 2020	Course Introduction & My English Learning Experience Unit 1: Reading	No class on 12 Aug
2	19/21 Aug 2020	Unit 1: Guessing meanings from context & listening practice & Unit 2: Reading: finding topics and topic sentences	
3	26/28 Aug	Unit 2: Writing definitions & listening practice	
4	2 Sept	Unit 3: Reading comprehension, giving instructions	No class on 4 Sept-Substitute Songkran holidays
5	9/11 Sept	Unit 3: Describing processes & listening practice	
6	16/18 Sept	Unit 4: Reading comprehension & patterns of organization	
7	23/25 Sept	Unit 4: Describing causes & effects, writing summaries & Revision for the midterm exam	
8	Monday 28 Sept 2020	Midterm Examination (9.00-11.00)	No class Midterm week (27 Sept-4 Oct 2020)
9	7/9 Oct	Unit 5: Reading comprehension, making inferences, describing possibilities, trends & graphs, and listening practice	
10	14/16 Oct	Unit 6: Reading comprehension & finding references, describing causes & effects and listening practice	
11	21 Oct	Unit 7: Reading & drawing conclusions	No class on 23 Oct
12	28/30 Oct	Unit 7: Describing similarities & differences and listening practice	
13	4/6 Nov	Unit 8: Reading & distinguishing facts from opinions	
14	11/13 Nov	Unit 8: Writing paragraph of opinions & listening practice	
15	18/20 Nov	Listening Test and review for the final exam	
16	25/27 Nov	Oral presentation	
17	Monday 30 Nov 2020	Final Examination (9.00-12.00)	

Add/Drop period 17-21 August 2020
Drop "W" period 12 October – 15 November 2020

Summary of classes:

Wednesday	Friday
Aug: 19, 26	Aug: 14,21,28
Sept: 2,9,16,23	Sept: 11,18,25
Oct: 7,14,21,28	Oct: 9,16,30
Nov: 4,11,18,25	Nov: 6,13,20,27