



Language Institute
Thammasat University
EL217: Speaking and Listening for Academic Purposes
Course Outline 2/2020

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.

Learning Outcomes

- 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. 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.

Evaluation Criteria	Points
Attendance	10
Video Presentation	30
Seminar	30
Final Exam (listening test)	30
Total	100

Letter Grade	Score range
A	90 and above
B+	85 to 89
B	80 to 84
C+	75 to 79
C	60 to 74
D+	55 to 59
D	50 to 54
F	49 and below

Attendance Policy

One point is deducted for each unexcused absence.

Assignments / Exam	Deadlines / Date
Video Presentation	Tuesday, March 9, 2021
Seminar	Tuesday, May 11, 2021
Final Exam (listening test)	Thursday, May 27, 9:00 – 1200 noon)

Video Presentation | Evaluation Criteria (30 points)

Criteria	Details	Points
1. Organization	Introduction, body, and closing of presentation	10 points
2. Voice	Clarity, volume, tempo, intonation, stress on key words	10 points
3. Body language	Eye contact, facial expressions, gestures, hand movements	10 points
	Total	30 points

Seminar | Evaluation Criteria (30 points)

Criteria	Details	Points
1. Pronunciation	Clarity and volume of speech, ease of understanding	10 points
2. Fluency	Smoothness and tempo of speech	10 points
3. Knowledge	Background knowledge of seminar topic	10 points
	Total	30 points

Dates to remember

Semester Start	Wednesday, January 20, 2021
Add/Drop	25 - 29 January 2021
Midterm Week	10 - 17 March 2021
Drop W Period	24 March - 6 May 2021
Semester End	Wednesday, 19 May 2021

Section	Instructor	Day	Time
450001	A. Pierre Beaulne	Tuesday	13:30-16:30
450002	Asst. Prof. Dr. Vajjaganh	Tuesday	13:30-16:30

Teaching Schedule | Semester 2/2020

WEEK	DATES	TOPIC
1	January 26	Unit 1: Identity
2	February 2	
3	February 9	Unit 2: Design
4	February 16	
5	February 23	Unit 5: Movement
6	March 2	
7	March 9	Video Presentations
8	March 23	Unit 6: Disease
9	March 30	
10	April 20	Unit 10: Tomorrow
11	April 27	
12	May 11	Group Seminars
13	May 18	Review for final exam

Public Holidays (classes cancelled)

Tuesday, March 16	Midterm Exam Week (10-17 March)
Tuesday, April 6	Chakri Day
Tuesday, April 13	Songkran Festival (12-16 April)
Tuesday, May 4	Coronation Day