



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

**Course Outline
Semester 2/2020**

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

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.

Online learning:

EL241 2-2020 Google Classroom and Zoom Live Sessions

Course Evaluation:

Attendance and Participation	10 points
Assignments and Quizzes (x4)*	60 points
Mid-term Exam (Take-home)	30 points
TOTAL	<u>100</u> points

Assignments and quizzes include:

<i>Describing graphs and charts (written) (online live quiz)</i>	15 points
<i>Economic report (oral) (online live presentation)</i>	15 points
<i>Debate on an economic issue (oral) (online group discussions)</i>	15 points
<i>Academic writing for economics (written) (2 take-home assignments)</i>	15 points

Grading Criteria:

Grade	Scores	Percentage (%)
A	80 and above	80 and above
B+	75-79	75-79
B	70-74	70-74
C+	65-69	65-69
C	60-64	60-64
D+	55-59	55-59
D	50-54	50-54
F	49 and below	49 and below

Attendance Policy:

Students are expected to attend all sessions 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>
820001	Monday	13.30 – 16.30	online	A. Dr. Pimsiri

Teaching Schedule

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<i>WKS</i>	<i>Dates</i>	<i>Topics / Activities</i>
1	25 January 2021	Course introduction
2	1 February 2021	Topic 1: The Organisation of Economics / Lecture listening and notetaking
3	8 February 2021	Topic 1: The Organisation of Economics / Understanding paragraphs (reading and writing)
4	15 February 2021	Topic 2: Measuring the Economy / Distinguishing main ideas and supporting details
5	22 February 2021	Topic 2: Measuring the Economy / Describing graphs and charts (writing)
6	1 March 2021	Describing graphs and charts (writing) QUIZ -- descriptive paragraph
7	8 March 2021	Oral presentation (economic reports)
8	Monday 15 March 2021	Mid-term examination (Take-home) (30 pts)

9	22 March 2021	Topic 3: Economic Decision Making/ Grasping key information: Comparison and contrast (listening)
10	29 March 2021	Topic 3: Economic Decision Making / Comparison and contrast (writing)
11	5 April 2021	Topic 3: Economic Decision Making / Comparison and contrast (writing) Writing Assignment 1 (10 pts)
12	12 April 2021	Songkran Break
13	19 April 2021	Topic 4: Global Trade / Grasping key information: Cause and effect (listening)
14	26 April 2021	Topic 4: Global trade / Cause and effect (writing)
15	3 May 2021	Giving reason and expressing opinions (listening & discussion) Opinion paragraph Writing Assignment 2 (5 pts)
16	10 May 2021	Debate on an economic issue (15 points)

Important Dates:

Semester Starts	20 January 2021
Semester Ends	18 May 2021
Add/Drop Period	25 - 29 January 2021
Drop W Period	24 March – 6 May 2021