



**Language Institute
Thammasat University**

EL 281 English for Sociologists and Anthropologists 1

Course Outline

Semester 2/2020

Pre-requisite: EL 172 or TU 105

Course Description:

This course aims to enhance students' English speaking, listening, reading and writing skills by exploring areas of sociology and anthropology. The course content emphasizes sociological and anthropological contexts in order to present topics of students' interest and raise their awareness of ethical issues.

Learning Outcomes:

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

1. improve vocabulary skills such as using context clues to figure out the meaning of unfamiliar words
2. develop reading skills necessary for the understanding of texts and articles in sociology and anthropology such as understanding the main idea and supporting details and making inferences
3. improve writing skills through extensive review of major structural patterns and writing practice with emphasis on sentence and paragraph writing
4. develop listening and speaking skills through class assignments
5. build on critical reading and presentation skills.

Textbook/Teaching Materials:

English for Sociologists and Anthropologists 1 by Asst. Prof. Supong Tangkiengsirisin, Thammasat University Press. The textbook can be purchased from the SE-ED bookshop website -

[https://m.se-ed.com/Detail/English-for-sociologists-and-anthropologists-I-\(I-PDF\)/9786163141088](https://m.se-ed.com/Detail/English-for-sociologists-and-anthropologists-I-(I-PDF)/9786163141088)



Active Learning Activities:

Students will read and practice reading and writing skills in class through various types of texts and a variety of activities. Student-centered Learning, autonomous/self-directed learning, and task-based instruction will be promoted with an encouragement on pair work, group discussion and oral presentation.

Course Evaluation	
Attendance and Participation	5
Sociological Imagination Paper	10
Review Quiz Units 1-3	15
Review Quiz Units 3-6	15
PSA Project	25
Netnography Project	30
Total points	100

Attendance and Participation (5 points)

Students are expected to lead/participate in daily discussion/reflection activities. Students are required to attend at least 80% of the total class hours. They cannot be absent more than 3 times before the final examination. 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.

Sociological Imagination Paper (10 points)

Students are given a written reflection assignment based on current events. Points will be given based on the quality and punctual submission of the assignment.

Review Quizzes (30 points)

Students will be tested on content from the book. Tests will be given online.

PSA Project (25 points)

This assignment is designed to provide you with an opportunity to study a social problem of your group's choosing and gain experience actually "doing" sociology. During this process you will learn about the tools of the discipline, synthesize/integrate course material and sociological concepts, and creatively present this information by creating a public service announcement.

Netnography Project (30 points)

The purpose of this project is to involve you (the student) in conducting research while at the same time practicing the four main English skills (listening, speaking, reading, and writing) in a realistic way. You will be introduced to an increasingly popular way to conduct research (a research method), and use this method to better understand a group of people (foreigners living in Thailand). Through completing this research project, you will not only learn more about this community and cultural differences, but also reflect on your own culture as well.

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, Time, and Room:

Course Coordinator: Joshua D. Bernstein

Sec/Gr	Day	Time	Room	Instructors
820001	Mon	1:30-4:30	Online	Joshua D. Bernstein

Academic Year Important Dates:

Semester Start	January 20, 2021
Semester End	May 14, 2021
Add/Drop Period	January 25-29, 2021
Drop W Period	March 24- May 6, 2021
Midterm Exam Period	March 10-17, 2021
Final Exam Period	May 20 – June 5, 2021

Tentative Teaching Schedule:

Week	Dates	Units
1	January 25	Course introduction
2	February 1	Unit 1: Vocabulary check Reading selection: About Sociology and Anthropology Reading focus: Structural clues I: Prefixed and suffixes
3	February 8	Unit 1: Writing: Topic sentence Language focus: Present tense review
4	February 15	Unit 2: Writing: Supporting detail sentences and outlining
5	February 22	Unit 2: Language focus: Past tense review Reading focus: Structural clues II: Stems
6	March 1	Unit 3: Language focus: Subject-Verb agreement Writing: Linking ideas with transitional expressions, Vocabulary Check Reading: Cultural Values, Reading focus: Contextual clues
7	March 8	PSA Project Presentation
Midterm Examination Period		
8	March 22	Unit 4: Vocabulary check Reading: Popular Entertainment Language focus: Future tense review
9	March 29	Unit 4: Reading focus: Finding topics and main ideas Writing: Writing a paragraph of exemplification
10	April 5	Unit 5: Vocabulary check Reading: Social Stratification of classification
11	April 12	Holiday (Songkran Festival)
12	April 19	Unit 5: Language focus: Passive voice Writing: Writing a paragraph of classification
13	April 26	Unit 6: Vocabulary check Reading: Human Behavior, Drawing inferences Language focus: Conditional sentences Writing: Writing a paragraph of comparison
14	May 3	Netnography Project Presentation
15	May 10	Holiday (Royal Ploughing Ceremony)
Final Examination Period		