



Language Institute
Thammasat University
EL296: English for Academic Purposes I
Course Outline
Semester 2/2020

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</i>	10	One point is deducted for each absence. You cannot be absent more than 3 class meetings, or you will get an automatic F and you are NOT allowed to take the second quiz.
<i>Assignments</i>	40	There are 2 assignments before online quiz 1. 1. Write a process paragraph 10 points 2. Write definitions and sentences of cause & effect relationship 10 points There are 2 assignments before online quiz 2. 3. Write a paragraph of comparison and contrast 10 points 4. Write an opinion paragraph 10 points
<i>Group Presentation</i>	10	Do a science project in groups of 3-4. Choose the topic related to science and give an oral presentation. Use the language of definition, instruction, process, cause- effect, compare-contrast, or opinion. Submit it online to the instructor as assigned.
<i>Quizzes</i>	40	Quiz 1: Units 1- 4 (20 points) Part 1: Reading Comprehension 10 items 10 points Part 2: Passage Completion 10 items 10 points Quiz 2: Units 5-8 (20 points) Part 1: Reading Comprehension 10 items 10 points Part 2: Passage Completion 10 items 10 points
<i>TOTAL</i>	100	

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
780001	Wed 9.30-12.30	online	Aj. Jon de Rennes
780002	Wed 9.30-12.30	online	Asst. Prof. Wanna Charoenchang
870001	Fri 9.30-12.30	online	Asst. Prof. Chorthip Viriya
900001	Wed 13.30-16.30	online	Aj. Matthew P. Miklas
900002	Wed 13.30-16.30	online	Asst. Prof. Wanna Charoenchang
900003	Wed 13.30-16.30	online	Aj. Dr. Arthitaya
900004	Wed 13.30-16.30	online	Asst. Prof. Tanom
900005	Wed 13.30-16.30	online	Aj. Jon de Rennes
900006	Wed 13.30-16.30	online	Aj. Joshua D. Bernsein
910001	Fri 13.30-16.30	online	Aj. Dr. Arthitaya
910002	Fri 13.30-16.30	online	Asst. Prof. Chorthip Viriya

Tentative Teaching Schedule:

Week	Date	Topics/Units	Note
1	20/22 Jan 2021	Course Introduction & My English Learning Experience Unit 1: Reading	
2	27/29 Jan 2021	Unit 1: Guessing meanings from context & listening practice & Unit 2: Reading: finding topics and topic sentences	
3	3/5 Feb 2021	Unit 2: Writing definitions& listening practice	
4	10 Feb 2021	Unit 3: Reading comprehension, giving instructions	No class on 12 Feb
5	17/19 Feb 2021	Unit 3: Describing processes & listening practice	Assignment 1
6	24 Feb 2021	Unit 4: Reading comprehension & patterns of organization	No class on 26 Feb
7	3/5 Mar 2021	Unit 4: Describing causes & effects, writing summaries & Revision for the midterm exam	Assignment 2
8	Thursday 11 Mar 2021	Online quiz 1 (9.00-11.00)	No class Midterm week (10-17 Mar 2021)
9	19 Mar 2021	Unit 5: Reading comprehension, making inferences, describing possibilities, trends & graphs, and listening practice	
10	24/26 Mar 2021	Unit 6: Reading comprehension & finding references, describing causes & effects and listening practice	
11	31 Mar/ 2 Apr 2021	Unit 7: Reading & drawing conclusions	
12	7/9 Apr 2021	Unit 7: Describing similarities & differences and listening practice	Assignment 3
13	12-16 Apr	No class on Songkran Days	
14	21/23 Apr	Unit 8: Reading comprehension & identifying the author's purpose and tone Explain how to conduct a science project (group of 3-4)	
15	28/30 Apr	Unit 8: Writing paragraph of opinions & listening practice	Assignment 4
16	5/7 May	Check the progress of the science project	
17	12/14 May	Give an oral presentation of a science project & wrap up and review for the online quiz	Group Presentation
18	19 May	Wrap up and review for the online quiz	
19	Thursday 20 May 2021	Online quiz 2 (9.00-12.00)	

Add/Drop period 25-29 January 2021

Drop "W" period 24 March – 6 May 2021

Summary of classes:

Wednesday	Friday
Jan: 20,27	Jan:22,29
Feb:3,10,17,24	Feb:5,19
Mar:3,24,31	Mar:5,19,26
Apr:7,21,28	Apr:2,9,23,30
May: 5,12,19	May:7,14

