



**Language Institute  
Thammasat University**

**EL396: English for Academic Purposes II**

**Course Outline**

**Semester 2/2020 (ONLINE)**

**Pre-requisite:** EL 296

**Course Description:**

This course is designed to strengthen students' English listening, speaking and reading with an emphasis on writing skills for academic purposes. These skills include note-taking, data interpretation, academic writing and research abstract reading.

**Learning Outcomes:**

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

- demonstrate a basic vocabulary in the fields of science and technology
- develop a system for note-taking and use their notes to answer comprehension questions
- paraphrase and summarize the information from lectures and written texts
- interpret the data from graphs and charts
- identify the key components in a research report

**Textbook/Teaching Materials:**

1. *English for Academic Purposes II* by Virasuda Sribayak
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:

<b>Parts</b>	<b>Points</b>	<b>Descriptions</b>
<i>Attendance &amp; Participation</i> (7%)	10 points	(See Attendance Policy.*)
<i>Oral Presentation 1</i> (13%)	20 points	Each student is required to do an 8-10 minute VDO presentation. Mind maps and at least one type of graphs are required in the presentation. Criteria for the Evaluation of Oral Presentations: Accuracy (7 points) Fluency (5 points) Organization (3 points) Visual aids (5 points)
<i>Oral Presentation 2</i> (13%)	20 points	Students in a group of 2-3 are required to do a 10-15 minute VDO presentation from a survey. At least two types of graphs are required in the presentation. Criteria for the Evaluation of Oral Presentations: Accuracy (7 points) Fluency (5 points) Organization (3 points) Visual aids (5 points)
<i>Written Assignment</i> (13%)	20 points	Each student is required to submit four research abstracts, in each of which the main components are identified. (3 summary abstracts and 1 result-driven abstract).
<i>Class Assignments</i> (54%)	80 points	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Note-taking</li><li>2. Using Transitional Word</li><li>3. Describing a Line Graph</li><li>4. Describing a Pie Chart</li><li>5. Describing a Bar Graph</li><li>6. Reducing Informality</li><li>7. Paraphrasing</li><li>8. Identifying Main Components of Research Abstract</li></ol>
<i>Total</i> (100%)	150 points	

#### **\*Attendance Policy:**

1. Students are required to attend at least 80% of the total class hours.
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.

#### **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/Gr	Day	Time	Room	Instructor
900001	W	13:30:-16:30	ONLINE	Asst. Prof. Dr. Virasuda Sribayak
900002	W	13:30-16:30	ONLINE	Assoc. Prof. Nopporn Sarobol

**Tentative Teaching Schedule:**

Period	Date	Topic
1	Jan 20	Course Overview
2	Jan 27	Unit 1
3	Feb 3	Unit 1
4	Feb 10	Unit 2
5	Feb 17	Unit 2
6	Feb 24	Unit 3
7	March 3	Unit 3
	<b>March 10&amp;17</b>	<b>No Class (Midterm Exam Week: March 10-17, 2021)</b> <b>(March 17: Oral Presentation 1 Submission)</b>
8	March 24	Unit 4
9	March 31	Unit 4
10	April 7	Unit 5
<b>11</b>	<b>April 14</b>	<b>No Class (Songkran Holiday: April 12-16, 2021)</b>
12	April 21	-Unit 5
13	April 28	Unit 6
14	May 5	Unit 6
<b>15</b>	<b>May 12</b>	<b>Oral Presentation 2 Submission</b> <b>Written Assignment Submission</b>

## Academic Calendar of Semester 2/2020

Events	Dates
Add/ Drop period	January 25-29, 2021
Withdrawal period ('W' assigned to all courses)	March 24-May , 2021
Midterm exam week	March 10-17, 2021

### Suggested websites

<https://www.academic-englishuk.com/writing>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/learningenglish/gothedistance/academicwriting>

<http://www.uefap.com/writing/writfram.htm>

<http://www.uefap.net/writing/writing-exercises>