



**Language Institute Thammasat University**  
**EL 217 Speaking and Listening for Academic Purposes**  
**Course Outline | Semester 1/2019**

**Pre-requisite:** None

**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 in various settings and for a wide range of academic purposes. Techniques and strategies for speaking in public will be provided along with opportunities for delivering presentations and participating in group discussions. As part of the course, students will listen to materials from a variety of sources.

**Learning Outcomes:**

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

- remember details and understand concepts of lectures, seminars, and news reports
- speak confidently in public
- create and deliver oral presentations
- apply, analyze, and evaluate critical thinking in group discussions
- create, analyze, and evaluate content on information technology media

**Textbook/Teaching Materials:**

**Pathways: Listening, Speaking, and Critical Thinking 4** by Becky Tarver Chase, Kristin L. Johannsen, Paul MacIntyre, Kathy Najafi, and Cyndy Fettig.

**Active Learning Activities:**

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.

**Course Evaluation:**

Midterm examination	60 points (multiple-choice, listening test)
Assignments	60 points (see evaluation criteria)
Final examination	60 points (multiple-choice listening test)
Attendance and participation	<u>20 points</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>200 points</u></b>

## Assignments

This course has three required assignments, which are awarded the following points:

1. group presentations 20 points | 3-5 students per group (5-7 minutes, est.)
2. seminars (group discussions) 20 points | 5-10 students per group (20-30 minutes, est.)
3. individual presentations 20 points | 1 student (3 minutes, est.)

## Evaluation Criteria

### PRESENTATIONS: Evaluation Criteria

Criteria	Adequate	Satisfactory	Good	Very Good	Excellent
ORGANIZATION (introduction, body, conclusion)	1	2	3	4	5
VOICE (volume, tempo, pronunciation)	1	2	3	4	5
BODY LANGUAGE (eye contact, movement, gestures, posture)	1	2	3	4	5
VISUAL AIDS (images, bullet points, <u>no</u> reading slides)	1	2	3	4	5
TOTAL SCORE					___ / 20

### SEMINAR (Group Discussion): Evaluation is based on your answers to questions

Sample Questions	Adequate	Satisfactory	Good	Very Good	Excellent
What did you learn from watching the video?	1	2	3	4	5
Do you agree or disagree that schools kill creativity? Why?	1	2	3	4	5
What was the weakest part of his argument?	1	2	3	4	5
What can be done in schools to improve creativity?	1	2	3	4	5
TOTAL SCORE					____ / 20

### Attendance Policy:

Students are required to attend at least 80% of the total class hours. They cannot be absent more than 3 times before the midterm examination and 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.

### 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.

**Dates to Remember:**

Semester Start 13 August 2019

Semester End 29 November 2019

Add/Drop Period 22 - 26 August 2019

Drop W Period 14 October - 17 November 2019

Midterm Week 29 September - 6 October 2019

**Midterm Examination:** Tuesday, October 1, 2019 (9:00 – 11:00)**Final Examination:** Thursday, December 12, 2019 (9:00 – 12:00)**Instructors, Times and Venues**

SECTION	DAY	TIME	ROOM	INSTRUCTORS
450001	Tue	13.30 - 16.30	SC 2- 204	A. Pierre Beaulne (Coordinator)
450002	Tue	13.30 - 16.30	SC 2- 205	A. Sean M. Ryan (MT Exam)
450003	Tue	13.30 - 16.30	SC 2- 206	A. Jonathan W. Jones
450004	Tue	13.30 - 16.30	SC 2- 207	A. Jon de Rennes
450005	Tue	13.30 - 16.30	SC 2- 208	A. Penrawee*
450006	Tue	13.30 - 16.30	SC 2- 209	A. Yanisa*
450007	Tue	13.30 - 16.30	SC 2- 210	A. Tusni*
540001	Thu	13.30 - 16.30	SC 2- 204	A. Pierre Beaulne
540002	Thu	13.30 - 16.30	SC 2- 205	A. William E. Scobie (Final Exam)
540003	Thu	13.30 - 16.30	SC 2- 206	A. Sean M. Ryan
540004	Thu	13.30 - 16.30	SC 2- 207	A. Jon de Rennes
540005	Thu	13.30 - 16.30	SC 2- 208	A. Dr. Panna
540006	Thu	13.30 - 16.30	SC 2- 209	Asst. Prof. Dr. Vajjaganh
910001	Fri	13.30 - 16.30	SC 2- 201	A. Jonathan W. Jones
910002	Fri	13.30 - 16.30	SC 2- 202	A. Joshua D. Bernstein
910003	Fri	13.30 - 16.30	SC 2- 203	A. Pierre Beaulne
910004	Fri	13.30 - 16.30	SC 2- 204	A. Tyler A. Charles
910005	Fri	13.30 - 16.30	SC 2- 205	A. Yanisa
910006	Fri	13.30 - 16.30	SC 2- 206	A. Arthitaya
910007	Fri	13.30 - 16.30	SC 2- 207	A. Dr. Panna

# Teaching Schedule

Week	Dates	Foci	Content
1	13-16 August	<b>UNIT 2</b>	<b>Lesson A</b>
2	19-23 August	<b>PROTECTING THE WILD</b>	Lesson B
3	26-30 August	<b>UNIT 5</b>	<b>Lesson A</b>
4	2-6 September	<b>MIGRATION</b>	Lesson B
5	9-13 September	Effective Presentations	Lecture/ Handouts
6	16-20 September	Group Presentations	Assignment 1 (20 points)
7	23-27 September	Review for Examinations	
MIDTERM EXAM PERIOD (SEPTEMBER 29 – OCTOBER 6, 2019) <b>Midterm Examination: Tuesday, October 1, 2019 (9:00 – 11:00)</b>			
8	8-12 October	<b>UNIT 7</b>	<b>Lesson A</b>
9	14-18 October *	<b>MONEY IN OUR LIVES</b>	Lesson B
10	21-25 October *	<b>UNIT 10</b>	<b>Lesson A</b>
11	26 Oct – 1 Nov	<b>THE FUTURE OF FOOD</b>	Lesson B
12	4-8 November	Individual Presentations	Assignment 2 (20 points)
13	11-15 November	<i>(scheduled over two classes)</i>	
14	18-22 November	Seminar <a href="#">Do schools kill creativity?</a> TED TALK by Sir Ken Robinson VIDEO   20 minutes	Assignment 3 (20 points)
15	25-29 November	Review for Final Examination	
FINAL EXAM PERIOD (2-18 DECEMBER 2019) <b>Final Examination: Thursday, December 12, 2019 (9:00 – 12:00)</b>			

\* Make-up classes will need to be scheduled for the following holidays:

- **Monday, October 14, 2019** (Substitution for the Great Memorial Day on 13 October)
- **Wednesday, October 23, 2019** (King Chulalongkorn's Day)