



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

**Course Outline
Semester 1/2019**

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.
- Roberts, M. (2012). *English for Economics in Higher Education Series*. Reading: Garnet Education.
- Kishtainy, N. (2012). *The Economics Book*. London: DK.

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.

Course Evaluation:

Attendance and Participation	20 points
Assignments and Quizzes (x4)*	60 points
Midterm Exam	50 points
Final Exam	<u>70</u> points
TOTAL	<u>200</u> points

Assignments and quizzes include:

Describing data and cause & effect (written)	15 points
Simple argumentative writing	15 points
Economic report (oral)	15 points
Debate on a particular economic issue	15 points

Attendance Policy:

Students are expected to attend lectures 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>
810001	Mon	09.30 – 12.30	SC 2-207	A. Pierre Beaulne
810002	Mon	09.30 – 12.30	SC 2-208	A. Matthew P. Miklas
810003	Mon	09.30 – 12.30	SC 2-209	A. Steven B. Smith
820001	Mon	13.30 – 16.30	SC 2-307	A. Dr. Pimsiri
820002	Mon	13.30 – 16.30	SC 2-308	A. Steven B. Smith
820003	Mon	13.30 – 16.30	SC 2-309	A. Sawasdipong
900001	Wed	13.30 – 16.30	SC 2-202	A. Steven B. Smith
910001	Fri	13.30 – 16.30	SC 2-208	A. Dr. Pimsiri
910002	Fri	13.30 – 16.30	SC 2-209	A. Lori Conover
910003	Fri	13.30 – 16.30	SC 2-210	A. Steven B. Smith
910004	Fri	13.30 – 16.30	SC 2-211	A. Worachart

Teaching Schedule**EL 241 English for Economists 1 (1/2019)**

<i>WKS</i>	<i>Dates</i>	<i>Topics / Activities</i>
1	13-17 August 2019	Course introduction Topic 1: The Organisation of Economics / Lecture listening and notetaking
2	19-23 August 2019	Topic 1: The Organisation of Economics / Understanding paragraphs (reading)
3	26-30 August 2019	Topic 1: The Organisation of Economics / Understanding paragraphs (writing)
4	2-6 September 2019	Topic 2: Measuring the Economy / Distinguishing main ideas and supporting details
5	9-13 September 2019	Topic 2: Measuring the Economy / Describing data (writing)
6	16-20 September 2019	Topic 2: Measuring the Economy / Describing data (writing) <i>QUIZ I descriptive paragraph</i>

7	23-28 September 2019	<i>Oral presentation (economic reports)</i> Review Units 1-3
8	<i>Saturday 5 October 2019, 14.30-16.30 hrs</i>	<i>Mid-term examination</i>
9	7-11 October 2019	Topic 3: Economic Decision Making/ Grasping key information: Comparison and contrast (listening)
10	14-18 October 2019	Topic 3: Economic Decision Making / Comparison and contrast (writing) <i>Mon 14 October - The passing of King Bhumibol</i>
11	21-25 October 2019	Topic 3: Economic Decision Making / Comparison and contrast (writing)
12	28 October - 1 November 2019	Topic 4: Global Trade / Grasping key information: Cause and effect (listening)
13	4-8 November 2019	Topic 4: Global trade / Cause and effect (writing)
14	11-15 November 2019	Topic 4: Global Trade / Giving reasons and expressing opinions (writing)
15	18-22 November 2019	Giving reason and expressing opinions (listening & discussion)
16	25-29 November 2019	<i>Debate on a particular economic issue</i> Course Review
	Final Examination	<i>Sunday 14 December 2019, 9.00-12.00 hrs.</i>

Important Dates:

Semester Starts	13 August 2019
Semester Ends	30 November 2019
Add/Drop Period	22 - 26 August 2019
Drop W Period	16 - 24 October 2019
Midterm Week	<u>29 Sep - 6 Oct 2019</u>