



**Language Institute
Thammasat University**

EL 281 English for Sociologists and Anthropologists 1

Course Outline

Semester 1/2019

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.

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	20 points
- Assignments	30 points
* <i>Written assignment</i>	10 points
* <i>Term project</i>	20 points
- Midterm Examination	60 points
- Final Examination	90 points
Total	200 points

Assignments

1. Written assignment (10 points)

Students are given two individual written assignments on topics of their choice as writing practice of the organizational patterns covered in class. Five points will be given based on the quality and punctual submission of each assignment.

2. Term Project (20 points)

Objectives:

1. To encourage autonomous learning
2. To practice reading for main idea and supporting details
3. To practice writing a topic sentence and supporting sentences
4. To practice expressing opinions
5. To build on students' critical reading and presentation skills in order to raise awareness of ethical issues

Task:

1. Work individually.
2. Choose a reading passage (at least one A-4 page long) relating to sociological and/or anthropological contexts.
3. Write a summary (a short paragraph containing the main idea and supporting details) of the passage.
4. Express opinions about the topic of the passage. Support the opinions with reasons, explanations and/or suggestions.
5. Submit the term project in the final week of the course.
6. Grading criteria:
Paper (15 points): 5 points – clear summary, 5 points – clear statements of opinions, 5 points – writing ability
Presentation (5 points): 3 points – delivery, 2 points – language use
7. Plagiarizing other people's work will result in a zero score.

Attendance Policy:

1. 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.
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 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.

Instructors, Time, and Room:*Course Coordinator:* A. Dr. Rungsima Jeanjaroonsri

Sec/Gr	Day	Time	Room	Instructors
810001	Mon	09.30 – 12.30	SC2-304	A. Dr. Rungsima Jeanjaroonsri
810002	Mon	09.30 – 12.30	SC2-305	A Joshua D. Bernstein

Academic Year Important Dates:

22-26 August 2019

Add/Drop period

14 October -27 November 2019

Drop “W” period

14 October 2019

Substitution for HM the Late King Rama IX Memorial Day

23 October 2019

Chulalongkorn Day

Tentative Teaching Schedule:

Week	Dates	Units
1	19 August 2019	Course introduction Unit 1: Vocabulary check Reading selection: About Sociology and Anthropology Reading focus: Structural clues I: Prefixed and suffixes
2	26 August 2019	Unit 1: Language focus: Present tense review Unit 2: Vocabulary check, Reading selection: Social Identity
3	2 September 2019	Unit 1: Writing: Topic sentence Unit 2: Writing: Supporting detail sentences and outlining
4	9 September 2019	Unit 2: Language focus: Past tense review Reading focus: Structural clues II: Stems
5	16 September 2019	Unit 3: Vocabulary Check Reading: Cultural Values Reading focus: Contextual clues
6	23 September 2019	Unit 3: Language focus: Subject-Verb agreement Writing: Linking ideas with transitional expressions
7	Midterm Examination Units 1-3 Monday 30 September 2019 (12.00 – 14.00 p.m.)	
8	7 October 2019	Unit 4: Vocabulary check

		Reading: Popular Entertainment Language focus: Future tense review
9	14 October 2019	No class: Substitution for HM the Late King Rama IX Memorial Day
10	21 October 2019	Unit 4: Reading focus: Finding topics and main ideas Writing: Writing a paragraph of exemplification
11	28 October 2019	Unit 5: Vocabulary check Reading: Social Stratification of classification Language focus: Passive voice
12	4 November 2019	Unit 5: Writing: Writing a paragraph of classification
13	11 November 2019	Unit 6: Vocabulary check Reading: Human Behavior, Drawing inferences
14	18 November 2018	Unit 6: Language focus: Conditional sentences Unit 6: Writing: Writing a paragraph of comparison
15	25 November 2018	Term project submission and presentation
Final Examination Units 4-6		
Wednesday 4 December 2019 (13.00 – 16.00 p.m.)		