



**Language Institute
Thammasat University
EL296: English for Academic Purposes I
Course Outline
Semester 1/2019**

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 & Participation</i>	20	
<i>Assignments</i>	20	1. Write process or instruction paragraphs 5 points 2. Write cause & effect paragraphs or comparison & contrast paragraphs 5 points 3. Design a science project 10 points
<i>Listening Test</i>	20	Units 1- 8
<i>Midterm Examination</i>	60	Units 1-4 Part 1: Reading Comprehension 20 items 20 points Part 2: Passage Completion 10 points Part 3: Matching and writing 2 tasks 20 points (definitions and cause & effect) Part 4: Writing 2 tasks 10 points (instruction or process & writing a summary)
<i>Final Examination</i>	80	Units 5-8 Part 1: Reading Comprehension 30 items 30 points Part 2: Passage Completion 20 points Part 3: Sentences of Compare & Contrast (10 items) 20 points Part 4: Opinion Paragraph Writing 10 points
<i>TOTAL</i>	200	

Attendance Policy:

1. Students are required to attend at least 80% of the total class hours. They cannot be absent more than 2 times before the midterm examination and 2 times before the final examination. More than four absences will automatically lead to an “F.”

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, Times and Venues:

Sec/Group	Date/Time	Room	Instructor
780001	Wed 9.30-12.30	SC2-204	Aj. Matthew P. Miklas
780002	Wed 9.30-12.30	SC2-205	Asst. Prof. Chorthip Viriya
900001	Wed 13.30-16.30	SC2-203	Aj. Matthew P. Miklas
900002	Wed 13.30-16.30	SC2-204	Asst. Prof. Chorthip Viriya
910001	Fri 13.30-16.30	SC2-212	Asst. Prof. Wanna Charoenchang

Tentative Teaching Schedule:

Week	Date	Topics/Units	Note
1	14/16 Aug	Course Introduction & My English Learning Experience Unit 1: Reading	
2	21/23 Aug	Unit 1: Guessing meanings from context & listening practice & Unit 2: Reading: finding topics and topic sentences	
3	28/30 Aug	Unit 2: Writing definitions& listening practice	
4	4/6 Sept	Unit 3: Reading comprehension, giving instructions	
5	11/13 Sept	Unit 3: Describing processes & listening practice	
6	18/20 Sept	Unit 4: Reading comprehension & patterns of organization	
7	25/27 Sept	Unit 4: Describing causes & effects, writing summaries & Revision for the midterm exam	
8	Monday 30 Sept 2019	Midterm Examination (9.00-11.00)	No class Midterm week (29 Sept-6 Oct 2019)
9	9/11 Oct	Unit 5: Reading comprehension, making inferences, describing possibilities, trends & graphs, and listening practice	
10	16/18 Oct	Unit 6: Reading comprehension & finding references, describing causes & effects and listening practice	
11	25 Oct	Unit 7: Reading & drawing conclusions	No class 23 Oct
12	30 Oct/1 Nov	Unit 7: Describing similarities & differences and listening practice	
13	6/8 Nov	Unit 8: Reading & distinguishing facts from opinions	
14	13/15 Nov	Unit 8: Writing paragraph of opinions & listening practice	
15	20/22 Nov	Listening Test and review for the final exam	
16	27/29 Nov	Oral presentation	
17	Monday 2 Dec 2019	Final Examination (9.00-12.00)	

Add/Drop period August 22 – 26, 2019
 Drop "W" period October 14 – November 17, 2019