



**Language Institute
Thammasat University
EL341 English for Economists II
Course Outline
Semester 1/2019**

Pre-requisite: EL 241

Course Description:

This course aims to build on the skills learnt in EL 241 towards a higher level understanding of how professionals communicate about economics. Students are encouraged to be critical of current global events and decision making as well as learn how to communicate their own opinions. Advanced speaking and writing skills are developed and evaluated in the form of written reports and academic presentations.

Learning Outcomes:

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

- understand vocabulary and language functions related to English for Economics
- develop students ability to read and understand a variety of text types such as newspaper reports, academic texts and editorials
- identify and make notes of main points in articles and lectures
- use skills of paraphrasing and summary writing to produce well-structured, coherent reports and assignments
- effectively structure and administer logical academic presentations
- have a broader understanding of the international world of economics through reading news, leading seminars, watching videos, and producing newspapers

Textbook/Teaching Materials:

- *EL341 English for Economics II* – Course Materials
- Current economic news articles from such sources as *The Bangkok Post, The Nation, The Guardian, The Economist, The New York Times, and BBC News.*

Course Evaluation:

-Attendance and Participation	10 points
-Midterm Examination	50 points
-Final Examination	70 points
-Assignments	70 points

Be the teacher	10 points
Economics Essay	20 points
Newspaper	20 points
Final Presentation	20 points

-Total 200 points

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 midterm examination and 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, Times and Venues:

Sec/Gr	Day	Time	Room	Instructor
820001	Monday	13.30 – 16.30	SC 3-220	A. Benjamin Moore

Tentative Teaching Schedule:

Week	Dates	Topics
1	12 th August, 2019	Mother's Day Holiday (NO CLASS)
2	19 th August, 2019	Introduction to course. Macroeconomics <i>Crash Course Economics</i> . Features of Academic Writing
3	26 th August, 2019	The Market Economy: <i>Talking about trends</i> Contemporary Economics News Article 1
4	2 nd September, 2019	International Trade disputes (Be the teacher activity)
5	9 th September, 2019	Writing: <i>Argument & Discussion</i> Opinion Essay Format (<i>Essay Topics Set</i>)
6	16 th September, 2019	Globalization & Sustainable Development Writing Skills: Linking cause & effects
7	23 rd September, 2019	Is Globalization good or bad? (<i>Essay first draft</i>) The current state of globalization
8	30th September, 2019	MIDTERM EXAMINATION (1430-1630)
9	7 th October, 2019	Inequality, Wealth & Happiness <i>The language of discussion</i>
10	14 th October, 2019	Proof reading and rewriting + Avoiding Plagiarism Contemporary Economics News Article 2
11	21 st October, 2019	The digital economy (<i>Essay Second Draft</i>) Writing: Finding Key Points and Note-Taking
12	28 th October, 2019	Thailand 4.0 – What will future jobs look like? Writing: Paraphrasing & Summary Writing
13	4 th November, 2019	Economic Growth & Climate Change Summary Writing Activities (Newspaper Project)
14	11 th November, 2019	Economic Growth & Climate Change (Final Essay Deadline)
15	18 th November, 2019	Course Summary and Exam Preparation Newspaper Project Submission
16	25 th November, 2019	Individual Economics Presentations
	13th December, 2019	FINAL EXAMINATION (1300-1600)

