



Language Institute Thammasat University  
 Course Outline Semester 1/2023  
**EL 241 English for Economists I**

**Course Description**

Development of language skills in English for economics through lectures, reading, and discussion of contemporary issues. Practice and use of relevant vocabulary and study skills including note taking, paraphrasing and group discussions of basic economic issues. Skills development in describing economic trends, making predictions, and conducting economic debates.

**Course Objectives and 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:

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| <p><b>Objective 1: Students will be able to understand academic or subject-specific content in form of listening.</b></p>   |
| <p><b>Outcome 1.1:</b> Recognize speech organization and the interconnectedness between parts</p> <p><b>Outcome 1.2:</b> Identify topics and main ideas of academic lectures or related economic content</p> <p><b>Outcome 1.3:</b> Distinguish main ideas from supporting details and separate facts from opinions</p> |
| <p><b>Objective 2: Students will be able to understand academic or subject-specific content in form of reading.</b></p>   |
| <p><b>Outcome 2.1:</b> Recognize text organization and the interconnectedness between paragraphs/parts</p> <p><b>Outcome 2.2:</b> Identify topics and main ideas of economic or related texts</p> <p><b>Outcome 2.3:</b> Distinguish main ideas from supporting details and separate facts from opinions</p>            |
| <p><b>Objective 3: Students will be able to write short paragraphs and essays related to their subject content.</b></p>   |
| <p><b>Outcome 3.1:</b> Write a paragraph to describe graphs and charts (100-150 words)</p> <p><b>Outcome 3.2:</b> Write a mini essay to compare and contrast (200-250 words)</p> <p><b>Outcome 3.3:</b> Write a mini essay to argue and provide logical reasoning (200-250 words)</p>                                   |
| <p><b>Objective 4: Students will be able to deliver oral speech or presentations in the context of their subject</b></p>  |
| <p><b>Outcome 4.1:</b> Present graphs and charts by using appropriate terminology</p> <p><b>Outcome 4.2:</b> Debate or make an argument through logical reasoning, comparing and contrasting ideas</p>  |
| <p><b>Objective 5: Students will be able to present opinions or arguments about responsible consumption and production (SDG 12) in the context of their subject</b></p>   |
| <p><b>Outcome 5.1:</b> Understand the concept of sustainable consumption and production in the economic context</p> <p><b>Outcome 5.2:</b> Debate or make an argument through logical reasoning, comparing and contrasting ideas related to sustainable consumption and production in the economic context</p>          |

## Course Materials

Course materials will be provided by the course instructor.

## Course Evaluation

Student evaluations are based on the following criteria.

| Assignment                                  | Points (%)   | Grade | Points (%)   |
|---|--------------|-------|--------------|
| Classroom participation                     | 10           | A     | 80 and above |
| Writing Assignments                         | 30           | B+    | 75 -79       |
| Oral Presentation/ Debate/ Group Discussion | 30           | B     | 70 -74       |
| Quizzes                                     | 30           | C+    | 65 - 69      |
|   |              | C     | 60 - 64      |
|   |              | D+    | 55 - 59      |
|   |              | D     | 50 – 54      |
|   |              | F     | 49 and below |
|   | <b>TOTAL</b> |       |              |
|   | <b>100%</b>  |       |              |

### Details of Writing Assignments (30%)

| Week | Assignments   | What to submit/present                                     |
|------|---|--|
| 11   | <b>Writing Assignment 1 (15%)</b><br>Outcome 3.2            | 1. A mini essay of comparison and contrast (200-250 words) |
| 14   | <b>Writing Assignment 2 (15%)</b><br>Outcomes 3.3, 5.1, 5.2 | 1. A mini essay of argumentative writing (200-250 words)   |

Remark: Assignments refer to take-home assignments.

### Details of Oral Presentation/Debate/Group Discussion (30%)

| Week | Assignments  | What to submit/present   |
|------|--|--|
| 8    | <b>Oral presentation (15%)</b><br>Outcomes 4.1                 | 1. Deliver a live presentation of graphs or charts using appropriate terminology (3 minutes)   |
| 15   | <b>Debate/Group discussion (15%)</b><br>Outcomes 4.2, 5.1, 5.2 | 1. Debate or discuss in groups to present two sides of argument of a given topic (5-8 minutes) |

### Quizzes (30%)

| Week | Assignments   |
|------|---|
| 3    | <b>Reading quiz (10%)</b><br>Outcomes 2.1, 2.2, 2.3   |
| 7    | <b>Writing quiz (10%)</b><br>Outcomes 3.1             |
| 10   | <b>Listening quiz (10%)</b><br>Outcomes 1.1, 1.2, 1.3 |

### Active Learning Activities

1. Workshops, exercises, group discussions/feedback, rehearsals
2. Technical training, lectures and videos
3. Research assignments
4. Presentations (live and video)

### Attendance

Students who miss *more than* three classes must withdraw from the course.

### Plagiarism policy

Thammasat University students are required to refrain from any kind of plagiarism.

### Instructor

| Section/Group | Day | Time          | Room       | Instructor           |
|---------------|-----|---------------|------------|----------------------|
| 810001        | Mon | 09.30 - 12.30 | SC 2 - 201 | A. Worachart         |
| 810002        | Mon | 09.30 - 12.30 | SC 2 - 202 | A. Thapanon          |
| 820001        | Mon | 13.30 - 16.30 | SC 2 - 213 | A. Dr. Pimsiri       |
| 820002        | Mon | 13.30 - 16.30 | SC 2 - 301 | A. Thapanon          |
| 900001        | Wed | 13.30 - 16.30 | LI 201     | A. Jonathan W. Jones |
| 900002        | Wed | 13.30 - 16.30 | LI 202     | A. Graeme Hunter     |
| 900003        | Wed | 13.30 - 16.30 | LI 203     | A. Worachart         |
| 910001        | Fri | 13.30 - 16.30 | LI 211     | A. Dr. Pimsiri       |

Note: Students enrolled in the course will receive a code to join a Google Classroom or MS Teams.

### Tentative Teaching and Learning Schedule

| Week | Date                | Contents, activities, and assignments |   |   |                                    |
|------|---------------------|---------------------------------------|---|---|------------------------------------|
| 1    | 15-21 Aug 2023      | Topic 1 The organization of economics | Lecture listening                             | notetaking                                  | Discourse markers                  |
| 2    | 22-28 Aug 2023      | Topic 1 The organization of economics | Understanding paragraphs                      | Grasping main idea and thinking of headings | Distinguishing facts from opinions |
| 3    | 29 Aug – 4 Sep 2023 | Topic 1 The organization of economics | Paragraph Writing                             | Using synonyms                              | <b>Topic 1 Reading QUIZ (10%)</b>  |
| 4    | 5-11 Sep 2023       | Topic 2 Measuring economy             | Reading for main ideas and supporting details | Economic words                              |                                    |

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|----|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 5  | 12-18 Sep 2023          | Topic 2<br>Measuring economy        | Writing about trends                             | Graphs/ charts language | Sentence writing                  |
| 6  | 19-25 Sep 2023          | Topic 2<br>Measuring economy        | Writing about trends                             | Analyzing trends        | Paragraph writing                 |
| 7  | 26-30 Sep, 9 Oct 2023 * | Topic 2<br>Measuring economy        | Presenting graphs and charts                     | Presentation language   | <b>Writing QUIZ (10%)</b>         |
| 8  | 10-16 Oct 2023          | Topic 2<br>Measuring economy        | <b>Oral Presentation (15 %)</b>                  |                         |                                   |
| 9  | 17-23 Oct 2023          | Topic 3<br>Economic Decision Making | Grasping key information (reading and listening) | Retelling information   | Economic words                    |
| 10 | 24-30 Oct 2023          | Topic 3<br>Economic Decision Making | Comparison/ contrast sentence writing            | Discourse markers       | <b>Listening QUIZ (10%)</b>       |
| 11 | 31 Oct, 1-6 Nov 2023    | Topic 3<br>Economic Decision Making | Mini essay to compare/contrast                   |                         | <b>Writing Assignment 1 (15%)</b> |
| 12 | 7-13 Nov 2023           | Topic 4 Global Economy              | Grasping key information (reading and listening) | Retelling information   | Economic words                    |
| 13 | 14-20 Nov 2023          | Topic 4 Global Economy              | Cause/effect sentence writing                    | Discourse markers       |                                   |
| 14 | 21-27 Nov 2023          | Topic 4 Global Economy              | Mini essay to argue through logical reasoning    |                         | <b>Writing Assignment 2 (15%)</b> |
| 15 | 28-30 Nov, 1-4 Dec 2023 | Topic 4 Global Economy              | <b>Group discussion/ Debate (15%)</b>            |                         |                                   |

This course has no mid-term and final examinations.

**Important Dates:**

Add/ Drop 15-28 August 2023  
 Mid-term Exam Week 1-8 October 2023  
 Withdrawal with 'W' 4 September – 22 October 2023  
 Last day of semester 4 December 2023

*\*Remark: 1-8 October 2023 is an exam week.  
 A make-up class to be arranged by the instructor*