



Language Institute Thammassat University  
Course Syllabus Semester 1/2023

EL 295 Academic English I

### Course Syllabus

Study of academic English skills at an intermediate level. Development of skills required for academic study. Practice of reading strategies, writing different types of academic texts, and presenting results.

### Course Objectives and Learning Outcomes

<b>Objective 1: Students will be able to write a cover letter.</b>
<b>Outcome 1.1:</b> Write a cover letter for an internship application <b>Outcome 1.2:</b> Edit some grammatical errors in the cover letter
<b>Objective 2: Students will be able to create an outline for their writing.</b>
<b>Outcome 2.1:</b> Make an outline for different types of academic texts
<b>Objective 3: Students will be able to write various types of paragraphs or essays with good organization.</b>
<b>Outcome 3.1:</b> Write paragraphs with a topic sentence, supporting details, and a concluding sentence <b>Outcome 3.2:</b> Write an essay with a thesis statement, supporting details, and a conclusion
<b>Objective 4: Students will be able to design simple survey questions, write a survey report, and present findings in academic manner.</b>
<b>Outcome 4.1:</b> Form appropriate questions for a simple survey <b>Outcome 4.2:</b> Write a survey report and present findings using tables and figures

### Course Materials

Mongkolhutthi, P. & Siriganjanavong, V. (In press). *Academic English I*. Thammassat University Press.  
Course materials, assignment details, and supplementary materials will be provided via google classroom or Microsoft Team, depending on your instructor's preference.

## Course Evaluation

Student evaluations are based on the following criteria.

Assignments	Points
Attendance and Participation	20
Midterm Exam (Unit 1, 3-4)	30
Final Exam (Unit 5-7)	30
Writing Assignments	30
Project (Report 20 pts. + presentation 10 pts.)	30
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>140</b>

## Tentative Grading

Grade	Points
A	112 and above
B+	105 - 111
B	98 - 104
C+	91 - 97
C	84 - 90
D+	77 - 83
D	70 - 76
F	69 and below





## Active Learning Activities

1. Exercises, group discussions, feedback
2. Writing practice, lectures and videos
3. Presentations (live and video)

## Attendance and Participation

1. Students are required to attend at least 80% of the total class hours. They must not be absent more than 3 times throughout the whole semester.
2. For each incidence of lateness 0.5 point will be deducted. For each unexcused absence 1 point will be deducted.
3. Active participation during class time is encouraged and counted as part of class attendance.

## Details of Assignments

Week	Assignments	What to do	What to submit/present
2	<b>Assignment</b> (optional) Outcomes 1.1, 1.2	<b>A cover letter for an internship application</b>	100 words cover letter
4	<b>Assignment 1 (10pts)</b> Outcomes 2.1	 <b>An outline of a paragraph (Individual)</b>	An outline for paragraph writing regarding the topic provided by your instructor
7	<b>Assignment 2 (10pts)</b> Outcomes 2.1, 3.1, 3.2	 <b>An argumentative essay (Pair)</b>	A 300-word argumentative essay
12	<b>Assignment 3 (10pts)</b> Outcomes 2.1, 3.1, 3.2	 <b>An opinion paragraph (Individual)</b>	A 150-200 word opinion paragraph
15	<b>Project (30 pts)</b> Outcomes 4.1, 4.2	 <b>Survey Report and Presentation (Group)</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A minimum of 500-word-survey report (20 points)</li> <li>2. A video or live presentation (10 points)</li> </ol>

## Plagiarism policy

Thammasat University students are required to refrain from any kind of plagiarism. Please read the Thammasat University plagiarism policies [here](#) and [here](#).

## Instructors

Section/Group	Day	Time	Room	Instructor
450001	Tue	13.30-16.30	LI-203	Asst.Prof. Tanom Tiensawangchai
450002	Tue	13.30-16.30	LI-209	Asst.Prof.Dr. Vanlee Siriganjanavong
780001	Wed	09.30-12.30	LI-203	Asst.Prof.Dr. Vanlee Siriganjanavong
780002	Wed	09.30-12.30	LI-212	Ajarn Wimonnit Chaokongchakra
780003	Wed	09.30-12.30	LI-213	Ajarn Worachat Amornpinyokiat
540001	Thurs	13.30-16.30	LI-209	Asst.Prof.Dr. Preechaya Mongkolhutthi
540002	Thurs	13.30-16.30	LI-210	Assoc.Prof.Dr. Pragasit Sitthitikul

## Tentative Teaching and Learning Schedule

Week	Date	Contents, activities, assignments, and learning outcomes		
1	15-17 Aug	Course overview/ Unit 1: An Internship Experience	Lecture, reading exercises, & discussions,	
2	22-24 Aug	Unit 1 (continued)	Lecture, writing exercises, self-study, & video	<b>Assignment (optional)</b> <b>Outcomes 1.1, 1.2</b>
3	29 -31 Aug	Unit 3: Student Friendly Cities	Lecture, reading exercises, group discussions, video, & self-study	
4	5-7 Sept	Unit 3 (continued)	Lecture, language exercises, discussions, video, & self-study	<b>Assignment 1 (10pts)</b> <b>Outcomes 2.1</b>
5	12-14 Sept	Unit 4: Human 3D Organ Printing	Lecture, reading exercises, & discussions	
6	19-21 Sept	Unit 4 (continued)	Lecture, writing exercises, & self-study	
7	26-28 Sept	Review	Lecture, writing exercises, & self-study	<b>Assignment 2 (10 pts)</b> <b>Outcomes 2.1, 3.1, 3.2</b>
8	Sun 1 Oct 2023	<b>Midterm Examination (14:30-16:00)</b> <b>(30 points)</b>		
9	10-12 Oct	Unit 5: Biographies of Famous People	Lecture, reading exercises, group discussions, video, & self-study	
10	17-19 Oct	Unit 5 (continued)	Lecture, writing exercises, group discussions, video, & self-study	<b>Project Consultation</b> <b>Outcome 4.1</b>
11	24-26 Oct	Unit 6: Job Opportunities	Lecture, reading exercises, group discussions, video, & self-study	
12	31 Oct-2 Nov	Unit 6 (continued)	Lecture, writing exercises, group discussions, audio, & self-study	<b>Assignment 3 (10 pts)</b> <b>Outcomes 2.1, 3.1</b>

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13	7-9 Nov	Unit 7: Attitudes Towards Artificial Intelligence	Lecture, reading exercises, group discussions, self-study	
14	14-16 Nov	Unit 7 (continued)	Lecture, writing exercises, group discussions, audio, self-study	
15	21-23 Nov	Unit 7 (continued)	Lecture, language exercises, group discussions, video, self study	<b>Report Submission Outcomes 4.1, 4.2 (20 pts)</b>
16	28-30 Nov **29 Nov = Graduation Day	REVIEW	Lecture and language exercises	<b>VDO submission/ Live presentation Outcomes: 4.1, 4.2 (10 pts)</b>
	Thurs 14 Dec 2023	<b>Final Examination (9:00-11:00)</b> (30 pts)		

**Important Dates and Holidays:**

Fri 13 October 2023

King Bhumibol Memorial Day

Mon 23 October 2023

Chulalongkorn Day

1-8 October 2023

Midterm exam week

Wed 29-30 November 2023

TU Graduation Day (No class)