



Language Institute Thammassat University
 Course Outline Semester 2/2022
EL 395 Academic English II (Thursday Afternoons)

Course Syllabus

To enhance students' academic English skills at an advanced level, enabling them to use academic English to define and explain items in advanced academic contexts. Students will also be instructed in the writing of different types of academic essays and practice academic skills essential for reporting results.

Course Objectives and Learning Outcomes (COLO)

Objective 1: Students will be able to use academic English in descriptions and explanations.
Learning Outcome 1.1: Define items. Learning Outcome 1.2: Explain graphic information. Learning Outcome 1.3: Explain processes and procedures.
Objective 2: Students will practice academic skills essential for reporting academic results.
Learning Outcome 2.1: Rephrase/paraphrase academic information. Learning Outcome 2.2: Summarize academic texts. Learning Outcome 2.3: Write short and extended reviews.
Objective 3: Students will be able to write different types of academic essays.
Learning Outcome 3.1: Write opinion paragraphs or essays. Learning Outcome 3.2: Write comparison/contrast paragraphs or essays. Learning Outcome 3.3: Write cause/effect paragraphs or essays.

Course Material

Chaturongakul, P. (In Press). Advanced English for Academic Purposes. Thammassat University Press.

Course Evaluation

Student evaluations are based on the following criteria.

Assignment	Points (%)
Writing Assignment 1	15
Writing Assignment 2	15
Midterm Quiz	25
Final Project Report	20
Final Exam	25
TOTAL	100%

Grade	Points (%)
A	85 and above
B+	80 -84
B	75 -79
C+	70 - 74
C	60 - 69
D+	55 - 59
D	50 – 54
F	49 and below

Details of Writing Assignments (30%)

Week	Assignments	What to submit/present
4	Writing Assignment 1 (15%) Outcome 1.1	An extended definition of an item (150-200 words)
14	Writing Assignment 2 (15%) Outcomes 2.3, 3.1, and 3.2	An extended review of a book or article (300-400 words)

Details of Examinations (50%)

Week	Assignments	What to submit/present
7	Midterm Quiz (25%) Outcomes 1.2, 1.3, 2.1 and 2.2	1. Answering multiple-choice questions about explaining graphic information, explaining processes and procedures, and paraphrasing academic information (15 points) 2. Writing a 50-word summary of a selected written article (10 points)
Final Exam Week	Final Exam (25%) Outcomes 3.2 and 3.3	1. Answering multiple-choice questions about writing compare-contrast and cause-effect paragraph/essays (15 points) 2. A cause or effect essay on a selected topic (300-400 words) (10 points)

Details of the Project Report (20%)

Week	Assignment	What to submit/present
14	Project Report (20%) Outcomes 1.1-1.3, 2.1-2.3, and 3.1-3.3	A written report on a topic in the course materials. Project Members: 3-4 students/group The project is a class survey on any topic which is relevant to the students' field of study – the content of the survey must include the detail of the survey and the background explaining why this survey should be of interest to people in this field. The data collection method(s), results and discussions must be clearly stated in the class survey. A project presentation, in which every project member must participate, is also required (Week 16).

Active Learning Activities

1. Lectures and videos
2. Pair work and group discussions
3. Written activities
4. Listening activities
5. Speaking activities
6. Oral Presentations

Attendance

Students who miss *more than three* classes will receive an automatic "F" from the course.

Plagiarism policy

Students of Thammasat University are required to refrain from any kind of **plagiarism** –or 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 such as websites, books, and articles, 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.

Instructor

Section/Group	Day	Time	Room	Instructor
540001	Thu	13.30-16.30	LI 204	Aj. Dr. Panna Chaturongakul
540002	Thu	13.30-16.30	LI 211	Asst. Prof. Dr. Kittitouch Soontornwipast
540003	Thu	13.30-16.30	LI 212	Asst. Prof. Dr. Vanlee Siriganjanavong
540004	Thu	13.30-16.30	SC2 - 206	Aj. Benjawan Sukpaiboon
540005	Thu	13.30-16.30	SC2 - 207	Aj. Joshua Bernstein
540006	Thu	13.30-16.30	SC2 - 208	Aj. Graeme Hunter
540007	Thu	13.30-16.30	SC2 - 301	Aj. Tusni Tassniyom

Tentative Teaching and Learning Schedule

Week	Date	Contents, Activities, and Assignments			
1	Thu 12 Jan	Course Introduction	U1 - Reading for main ideas about solar energy	U1 - Writing definition for things	
2	Thu 19 Jan	U1 - Writing definitions for things (cont.)	U1 - Listening for details about solar energy	U1 - Describing something in spoken English	Writing Assignment 1 Assigned
3	Thu 26 Jan	U2 - Reading for details about food economics	U2 - Identifying pronoun references	U2 - Explaining information graphics in written English	
4	Thu 2 Feb	U2 - Listening for main ideas and details about food waste	U2 - Explaining information graphics in spoken English	U3 - Reading for main ideas and details about technologies for the elderly	Writing Assignment 1 Submission (15%)
5	Thu 9 Feb	U3 - Paraphrasing academic texts	U3 - Summarizing academic texts	U3 - Listening to a lecture about ageing	
6	Thu 16 Feb	U3 - Summarizing a message in spoken English	U4 - Reading for comprehension about universal access	U4 - Writing opinion paragraphs	
7	Thu 23 Feb	U4 - Writing opinion essays	U4 - Expressing opinions about universal access in spoken English	U4 - Listening to people's opinions about universal access	Midterm Quiz (25%)
8	NO MIDTERM EXAM Midterm Examination Week (26 Feb – 5 March 2023)				

9	Thu 9 March	U5 - Reading for comprehension about intermittent fasting	U5 - Writing cause/effect paragraphs	U5 - Listening to a cause-effect discussion on fasting and dieting	Final Project Topic Submission
10	Thu 16 Mar	U5 - Writing cause/effect essays	U5 - Discussing causes and/or effects of fasting and dieting		
11	Thu 23 Mar	U6 - Reading for comprehension about space travel	U6 - Interpreting idiomatic expressions	U6 - Writing compare/contrast paragraphs	
12	Thu 30 Mar	U6 - Writing compare/contrast essays	U6 - Listening to a compare-contrast discussion on space exploration	U6 - Having a compare-contrast discussion on space exploration	Writing Assignment 2 Assigned
13	Thu 20 Apr	U7 - Reading for comprehension about fighting climate change	U7 - Writing short reviews	U7 - Listening to a review on climate change	
14	Thu 27 Apr	U7 - Writing extended reviews	U7 - Verbally critique a YouTube clip about climate change		Writing Assignment 2 Submission (15%)
15	No Class (Final Project Report Submission -20%)				
	Final Exam – Wednesday 10 May 2023 (Time – TBA*) Final Examination Weeks (7 – 22 May 2023)				

TBA* -- To be announced

Important Dates

First Day	9 January 2023
Maka Bucha (Holiday)	6 March 2023
Songkran Break	10-16 April 2023
Chatra Mongkol (Holiday)	4 May 2023
Last Day	5 May 2023
Add/Drop Period	9-22 January 2023
Withdrawal with "W"	25 January – 19 March 2023
Midterm Exam Week	26 Feb – 5 March 2023
Final Exam Weeks	7 – 22 May 2023