



B.E. International Program

Faculty of Economics, Thammasat University



Course Outline

EL 295 Academic English 1 (Section 046404)

Semester 1/2012 (August 14 – December 1, 2012)

Number of credits: 3 credits

Lecture Time: Tuesdays, 14.00 – 17.00 hrs

Lecture Venue: Room 807, Language Institute

Instructor: Dr. Richard Levinthal

Office hours: by appointment

Course Description:

EL295 has two main aims: to support the academic development of students, and to develop the students' ability to use English in a professional context. The first part will concentrate on writing and reading academic papers in English and on understanding and making academic presentations in English. This part of the course focuses on the building of vocabulary and expressions related to economics and other subjects within the B.E. International program. The second part will focus on writing applications for work, scholarships, overseas study etc., on writing business letters and memos, and on preparing for (English-language) interviews.

Prerequisites: EL172

Course Objectives:

In this course, students will:

- develop listening, conversation and comprehension skills related to economics and other relevant subjects.
- nurture cooperation and team working skills in a supportive environment.
- improve English skills, by reviewing language structures frequently used in economics.

- learn to produce work of academic quality, relating to reports and assignments based on readings and lectures.
- build an understanding of different economics text types; how they are organized, summarized, and evaluated.
- learn to research, structure and effectively present economics related topics in the form of formal academic spoken presentations.
- practice job interviews and planning trips abroad.
- write application letters, and résumés, using their own information.

Course Material:

There is no course book for EL 295. The materials will come from a number of sources and will include current up-to-date global and local economic issues and much in-class discussion.

Course Evaluation:

Attendance and participation	20 points
Assignments	100 points
Midterm	80 points (Tuesday, October 2, 2012, 15.30 – 17.00 hrs)
Final Exam	100 points (Tuesday, December 18, 2012, 13.30 – 16.30 hrs)
Total	300 points

Attendance Policy:

Class Attendance

Three points will be deducted for each absence. More than **five** absences from lectures results in an “F”, due to insufficient attendance. **Please note:** As adults you should be responsible for your time and consider academia as a commitment. It is your career that is decided at the end of the course not the lecturer’s. Being committed to attending and being on time is easy marks for you.

Assignment Policy

- No late assignments will be accepted, unless by prior agreement with the supervising lecturer.
- Failure to attend a quiz results in zero marks for that task.
- It is the student’s responsibility to do all assignments issued, even when he/she is absent.

Important Dates:

Classes Begins	August 14, 2012
Adding and Dropping Courses	August 14 – 28, 2012
Midterm Exam Period	October 1 – 6, 2012 (No Lectures)
Course Withdrawal with “W”	October 17 – 22, 2012
Class Ends	December 1, 2012
