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## Course Outline

### Pre-Course in English

**Semester:** Summer/2012 (June 3 – July 28, 2013)

**Instructor:**

Ajarn Benjamin Ivry (Group 2, designer and supervisor of pre-course)

**Lecture Time:** Wednesdays and Fridays, 12.30 pm-2.30 pm.

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Dr. Russell Jones (Group 1)

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Dr. Richard Levinthal (Group 3)

**Lecture Time:** Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10.00 am.- noon

**Lecture Venue:** Room 203, Faculty of Economics

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Dr. Russell Jones (Group 4)

**Lecture Time:** Wednesdays and Fridays, 12.30 pm-2.30 pm.

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**Aim:**

This course will help students to find a way to enjoy using English not just in the BE program, but also in their future studies and later lives. Instead of the usual association in Thailand of English studies with boredom, pain, and suffering, the **Pre-Course in English** will explore how BE students can improve their writing, reading, and speaking skills while having fun. There will be a focus on essay writing, memorization, and multi-media study of English-language films, videos, and other supports.

**Objective:**

Upon the completion of this course, students are expected to be:

- better prepared to hand in essays and written exams to their future professors in the BE program which more closely resemble standard written English. Also to be able to speak in class and in public presentations in something closer to standard English speech. They will be expected to continue their enjoyment of English through the rest of their time at TU and beyond.

**Timetable:**

<b>Weeks</b>	<b>Topics</b>	
1	Class behavior. Being on time. Staying quiet to respect others. In each class, two essays written, discussion and correction of essays, discussion during “Meet the Economists” brief video of professional economist and what she/he does.	Behavior outside class: no smoking. How to dress respectfully for class. Students bring in their resumes for improvement in class.
2	How to write a letter asking for a job interview, thanking the potential employer after the job interview, following up with another letter after no further news has been heard for a while. How to respond to letters of rejection.	Class ethics; what is cheating, what is plagiarism.
3	Format for term papers and written answers of any kind. The shorter the better, to avoid increasing the number of inevitable mistakes.	Challenges of Thai English - when to use the article "the" and when not to. Using spell check intelligently. Look up every name of every economist to double-check, even the ones you think you know.
4	Travel as a chance to learn better. The importance of studying abroad in a place where native English speakers can be heard. Not Germany or Japan!	Recitation of memorized poem, Robert Frost's Stopping By Woods on a Snowy Evening.
5	How to write respectful messages to professors, whether emails, instant messages, or other forms of communication.	Robert Frost’s poem “Fire and Ice” memorized.
6	In each class, two essays written, discussion and correction of essays, discussion during “Meet the Economists” brief video of professional economist and what she/he does.	Edward Lear’s “Owl and the Pussycat” memorized.
7	In each class, two essays written, discussion and correction of essays, discussion during “Meet the Economists” brief video of professional economist and what	Poem memorized: Robert Frost’s “Acquainted with the Night”

	she/he does.	
8	In each class, two essays written, discussion and correction of essays, discussion during “Meet the Economists” brief video of professional economist and what she/he does.	poem memorized: Dylan Thomas’s "Do Not Go Gentle Into That Good Night."

**Evaluation Criteria:**

Class attendance on time (before attendance taken)	50%
Silence and polite participation in class, which means listening when others are speaking English, not speaking Thai, texting, or doing anything but sitting silently.	50%
<b>Total:</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Course book:**

Julia Williams, David Hill, “Academic Connections 3”, 2010