



Course Outline

EL241 English for Economists 1 (Section 046404)

Semester 1/2023 (August 15 - December 4, 2023)

Lecture Time: Thursday, 13.00-16.00 hours

Lecture Venue: The Conference Room, 5th Floor

Teaching Materials Platform: MS Teams - <https://t.ly/q6rid>

Lecture Venue:

Instructor:

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Number of Credit: 3 Credits (3-0-6)

Prerequisite: -

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:

The course is designed to promote students' improvement in the English language skills of listening, speaking, reading, and writing related to the field of economics.

Expected Learning Outcomes:

Objective 1: Students will be able to understand academic or subject-specific content in form of listening.

Outcome 1.1: Recognize speech organization and the interconnectedness between parts

Outcome 1.2: Identify topics and main ideas of academic lectures or related economic content Outcome 1.3: Distinguish main ideas from supporting details and separate facts from opinions
Objective 2: Students will be able to understand academic or subject-specific content in form of reading.
Outcome 2.1: Recognize text organization and the interconnectedness between paragraphs/parts Outcome 2.2: Identify topics and main ideas of economic or related texts Outcome 2.3: Distinguish main ideas from supporting details and separate facts from opinions
Objective 3: Students will be able to write short paragraphs and essays related to their subject content.
Outcome 3.1: Write a paragraph to describe graphs and charts (120-150 words) Outcome 3.2: Write a mini essay to compare and contrast (350-500 words) Outcome 3.3: Write a mini essay to argue and provide logical reasoning (350-500 words)
Objective 4: Students will be able to deliver oral speech or presentations in the context of their subject
Outcome 4.1: Present graphs and charts by using appropriate terminology Outcome 4.2: Debate or make an argument through logical reasoning, comparing and contrasting ideas
Objective 5: Students will be able to present opinions or arguments about responsible consumption and production (SDG 12) in the context of their subject
Outcome 5.1: Understand the concept of sustainable consumption and production in the economic context Outcome 5.2: Debate or make an argument through logical reasoning, comparing and contrasting ideas related to sustainable consumption and production in the economic context

Main Text:

In-house materials will be provided by the course instructor.

Recommended Texts & Materials:

- Bailey, S. (2017). *Academic Writing: A Handbook for International Students*. Routledge.
- Roberts, M. (2012). *English for Economics in Higher Education Series*. Reading: Garnet Education.

- Williams, E.J. (2008). *Presentations in English: Find Your Voice as a Presenter*. MacMillan.

Suggested Readings:

- Kishtainy, N. & Abbot, G. (2012). *The Economics Book: Big Ideas Simply Explained*. DK Publishing.

Grading Criteria:

Student evaluations are based on the following criteria:

Assignment	Points (%)	Grade	Points (%)
Final Examination	30	A	80 and above
Writing Assignment	15	B+	75 -79
Oral Presentation/ Debate/ Group Discussion	25	B	70 -74
Quizzes	30	C+	65 - 69
		C	60 - 64
		D+	55 - 59
		D	50 - 54
		F	49 and below
TOTAL	100%		

Details of Writing Assignments (15%)

Week	Assignments	What to submit/present
11	Writing Assignment (15%) Outcome 3.2	1. A mini essay of comparison and contrast (350-500 words)

Details of Oral Presentation/Debate/Group Discussion (25%)

Week	Assignments	What to submit/present
7, 8	Individual presentation (10%) Outcomes 4.1	1. Deliver a live presentation of graphs or charts using appropriate terminology (3-5 minutes)
15	Debate/Group discussion (15%) Outcomes 4.2, 5.1, 5.2	1. Debate or discuss in groups to present two sides of argument of a given topic (8-10 minutes)

Quizzes (30%)

Week	Quizzes
3	Reading quiz (10%) Outcomes 2.1, 2.2, 2.3
6	Writing quiz (10%) Outcomes 3.1
10	Listening quiz (10%) Outcomes 1.1, 1.2, 1.3

Details of Final Examination (30%) Outcomes 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 3.3, 5.1, 5.2

1. A mini essay of argumentative writing (350-500 words)
2. Critical reading of economic texts

Tentative Class Schedule:

Week	Date	Contents, activities, and assignments/quizzes			
1	17 Aug 2023	Topic 1 The organization of economics	Lecture listening	notetaking	Discourse markers
2	24 Aug 2023	Topic 1 The organization of economics	Understanding paragraphs	Grasping main idea and thinking of headings	Distinguishing facts from opinions
3	31 Aug 2023	Topic 1 The organization of economics	Academic Writing	Paraphrasing	Reading QUIZ (10%)
4	7 Sep 2023	Topic 2 Measuring economy	Reading for main ideas and supporting details	Describing trends	Graphs/ charts language
5	14 Sep 2023	Topic 2 Measuring economy	Writing about trends	Analyzing trends	Paragraph Writing
6	21 Sep 2023	Topic 2 Measuring economy	Presenting graphs and charts	Presentation language	Writing QUIZ (10%)
7	28 Sep, 2023	Topic 2 Measuring economy	Individual Presentation (15 %)		
8	12 Oct 2023	Topic 2 Measuring economy	Individual Presentation (15 %)		
9	19 Oct 2023	Topic 3 Economic Decision Making	Grasping key information (reading and listening)	Retelling information	Economic words
10	26 Oct 2023	Topic 3 Economic Decision Making	Comparison/contrast sentence writing	Discourse markers	Listening QUIZ (10%)
11	2 Nov 2023	Topic 3 Economic Decision Making	Mini essay to compare/contrast		Writing Assignment 1 (15%)
12	9 Nov 2023	Topic 4 Global Economy	Grasping key information (reading and listening)	Retelling information	Economic words

13	16 Nov 2023	Topic 4 Global Economy	Cause/effect writing	Discourse markers	
14	23 Nov 2023	Topic 4 Global Economy	Mini essay to argue through logical reasoning	Argumentative language	
15	30 Nov 2023	Topic 4 Global Economy	Group discussion/ Debate (15%)		
16	18 Dec 2023	FINAL EXAMINATION			

Remark:

This course has no mid-term examination.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR & HOLIDAY SEMESTER 1/2023

Semester 1/2023 (August 15 – December 4, 2023)	
<i>the TU Office of the Registrar (TU REG) will process the registration (semester 1/2023) for all BE students who have completed the pre-registration via BE Portal.</i>	July 17 – 20, 2023
Tuition Fee Payment Period (Via TU Greats App)	July 21 – August 11, 2023
Create Plan from Quota via TU Greats App (*ID.66)	August 1 - 9, 2023
Registration via TU Greats App (*ID.66)	August 10, 2023
Classes Begin	August 15, 2023
Add-drop period	August 15 – 28, 2023 <i>(from 9.00 AM of August 15 to 10.30 PM of August 28)</i>
Tuition Fee Payment Period (Via TU Greats App)	August 15 – 29, 2023 <i>(9 AM - 10.30 PM)</i>
Mid-term Examination Period	October 1 – 7, 2023
<i>H.M. King Bhumibol Adulyadej The Great Memorial Day*</i>	<i>October 13, 2023</i>
<i>King Chulalongkorn's Day*</i>	<i>October 23, 2023</i>
Withdrawal period with "W" on record	September 4 – October 22, 2023 <i>(from 9.00 AM of September 4 to 10.30 PM of October 22)</i>
Special Withdrawal with "w" on record	October 24 – November 20, 2023
Last day of class for Semester 1/2023	December 4, 2023
Final exam period	December 12 – 23, 2023
<i>H.M. King Bhumibol Adulyadej The Great's Birthday*</i>	<i>December 5, 2023</i>
<i>Constitution Day*</i>	<i>December 10, 2023</i>
<i>Substitution for Constitution Day*</i>	<i>December 11, 2023</i>
Submitting Forms for Degree Conferral	August 15 – 28, 2023

Remark * Holiday, No classes during this period
Updated: July 24, 2023