



B.E. International Program

Faculty of Economics, Thammasat University



Course Outline

EL 171 English Course 2

Semester 1/2013 (August 13 – November 30, 2013)

Number of credits 3 credits

Lecture Time: Thursday (14.00 – 17.00 pm.)

Lecture Venue: Room 2E, Language Institute Building

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Prerequisites -

Course Description

This intermediate course aims to develop the four English skills—listening, speaking, reading and writing. Students are to be given more practice in speaking and reading longer passages.

Course Objectives:

1. To enhance students' reading skills through a variety of reading materials in English.
2. To enable students to write more effectively in English through extensive writing practice including components of a paragraph.
3. To develop students' listening and speaking skills through listening comprehension exercises, role plays and group discussions.
4. To enrich students' vocabulary essential for their future application.
5. To improve students' accuracy in English grammar through exercises related to the contents.

Texts:

1. Cunningham, Sarah and Moor, Peter. 2002. *Cutting Edge: Intermediate*. Mateu Cromo, S.A. Pinto (Madrid), Spain: Longman
2. Supplementary Materials

Evaluation:

Attendance and Participation	10% (absent = minus 2; late = minus 1)
Assignments and Quizzes	15%
Midterm Examination	30%
Final Examination	45%
Total	100

Notes: Students cannot be absent for more than 6 times throughout the semester. Only 3 absences are allowed before or after the midterm exam.

Teaching Plan

Dates	Course Topics
Aug 15	Module 1: All about you Language focus 1: Asking and answering questions Vocabulary 1: Everyday activities Reading and speaking: How we really spend our time Vocabulary 2: People around you Language focus 2: Present simple and continuous
Aug 22	Module 1: All about you (continued) Wordspot: <i>have</i> (and <i>have got</i>) Task: Find things in common Writing: E-mail an old friend Practice
Aug 29	Module 2: Memory Listening and speaking: First meetings Language focus 1: Past simple and continuous Language focus 2: <i>used to</i> Listening and speaking: A childhood memory.
Sept 5	Module 2: Memory (continued) Reading: 10 ways to improve your memory Vocabulary: Remembering and forgetting Task: Test your memory Real life: Showing interest Practice Module 3: Around the world Language focus 1: Comparatives and superlatives

	<p>Reading: 100 places to visit before you die Language focus 2: Phrases for comparing</p>
Sept 12	<p>Module 3: Around the world (continued)</p> <p>Vocabulary and writing: Describing towns and cities & Task: Design a tour Real life: Booking a flight Practice</p> <p>Module 4: Life stories Reading: Parallel lives Language focus 1: Present perfect simple Vocabulary 1: Describing life events</p>
Sept 19	<p>Module 4: Around the world (continued)</p> <p>Language focus 2: <i>for, since and ago</i> and Present perfect continuous Vocabulary 2: Positive Characteristics Task: Talk about someone you admire Wordspot: <i>take</i> Writing: A curriculum vitae Consolidation: Module 1-4</p>
Sept 26	<p>Module 5: Success</p> <p>Reading and vocabulary: Have you got what it takes? Language focus 1: Future forms Vocabulary: Work Listening and speaking: Doing something different Language focus 2: Future clauses with <i>if, when, etc.</i></p>
Oct 3	Midterm Exam (Modules 1-4) 15.00 - 17.00
Oct 10	<p>Module 5: Success (continued)</p> <p>Task: Choosing the best candidate Writing: A covering letter Real life: A formal telephone call Practice</p>
Oct 17	<p>Module 6: In the media</p> <p>Listening and vocabulary: TV and radio Language focus: <i>-ed/-ing</i> adjective Reading and Vocabulary: News stories Vocabulary: Extreme adjectives</p>

Oct 24	<p>Module 6: In the media (continued)</p> <p>Task: Review a book/CD/concert Writing: A consumer review Practice</p> <p>Module 7: Socialising Reading and vocabulary: The great international night out Language focus 1: Polite requests Language focus 2: <i>will</i> for offers and instant decisions Vocabulary and speaking: Social behavior</p>
Oct 31	<p>Module 7: Socialising (continued)</p> <p>Listening: Social customs in Thailand Language focus 3: Making generalisations Task: Give tips on how to behave Real life: Making a social arrangement Wordspot: <i>go</i> Practice</p>
Nov 7	<p>Module 8: Things you can't live without</p> <p>Reading: Machines behaving badly Language focus 1: Defining relative clauses Vocabulary 1: How machines work</p>
Nov 14	<p>Module 8: Things you can't live without (continued)</p> <p>Language focus 2: Quantifiers Vocabulary: Describing everyday objects Task: Makes a list of things you'd hate to be without Real life: Buying things Writing: Saying thank you Consolidation Modules 5-8</p> <p>Module 9: Future society Reading and vocabulary: Getting it wrong?/Getting it right? Language focus 1: Making predictions</p>
Nov 21	<p>Module 9: Future society (continued)</p> <p>Vocabulary: Society and change Language focus 2: Hypothetical possibilities with <i>if</i> Wordspot: <i>make</i> Task: Decide how to spend lottery money Real life: Ways of saying numbers Practice</p>

Nov 28	<p>Module 10: An amazing story</p> <p>Vocabulary and speaking: Types of story Language focus 1: Past perfect Reading and vocabulary: The perfect crime...well almost ! Language focus 2: Reported speech Wordspot: <i>say</i> and <i>tell</i> Vocabulary: Adverbs for telling stories Task: Tell a ghost story Writing: A narrative Practice</p>
Dec 13	Final Examination (Modules 5-10) 9.00 - 12.00

Important Dates

Class begins	August 13, 2013
Adding and Dropping Course	August 13 – 27, 2013
Midterm Exam	October 3, 2013 from 15.00 - 17.00 pm (2 hours)
Course Withdrawal with “W”	October 16 – 21, 2013
Last day of classes	November 30, 2013
Final Exam	December 13, 2013 from 9.00 am – 12.00 (3 hours)
