

Course Syllabus
Valaya Alongkorn Rajabhat University

Course: College English Skills Preparation

Course Code: VLE101 (Mon.–Fri.)

Course Description

Practice and develop four English language skills focusing on basic vocabulary, communicative sentence structures, such as listening and reading about current issues, learning in the 21st century, and speaking and writing about daily life, early events and life goals in the information age.

Objectives

To let the students practice and develop four English language skills and prepare them for learning and using English at college level in the 21st century

Teaching and Learning Activities

Week	Topics	Teaching Methods/Activities
1	- Orientation - Nouns (I)	The activities are based on student-centered learning.
2	Nouns (II) - Plural nouns - Countable and uncountable nouns - Much, many	
3	Pronouns - Personal pronouns - Possessive pronouns - Reflexive pronouns	
4	Adjectives - Comparative adjectives - Superlative adjectives	
5	Verbs - Making the subject and the verb agree - Transitive and intransitive verbs Adverbs	
6	Prepositions - Prepositions of place and movement - Prepositions and adverbials of place and position Conjunctions	
7	Mid-term exam review	
8	Mid-term Exam	
9	Simple present - Talking about your daily life and routine - Simple present - Adverbs of frequency	

Week	Topics	Teaching Methods/Activities
10	Present continuous - Talking about your likes and dislikes - Simple present and present continuous	The activities are based on student-centered learning.
11	Simple past - Talking about your favorite hobbies and interests - Simple past - Time expressions	
12	Past continuous - Talking about something that happened to you - Simple past and past continuous - Adjectives of emotion	
13	Future Simple - Talking about an important celebration in your life - Future plans and decisions - Future simple with 'going to' and 'will'	
14	Present Perfect (I) - Talking about things you've done - Present perfect - Adjective to describe experiences	
15	Present Perfect (II) - Talking about technology in your life - Present perfect - For, since, just, yet, and already	
16	Final exam Review	
17	Final Exam	

Measurement and Evaluation

1. Measurement

1.1 During the semester	80%
- Attendance and participation	10%
- Assignments	15%
- Creative Media Production in International Languages for Local Communities Project	15%
- Online practice	10%
- LC English One Day Camp	10%
- Mid-term Exam	20%
1.2 At the end of the semester	20%
- Final Exam	20%

2. Evaluation

Score range

60 - 100% = S

0 - 59% = U

Course Materials

Craven, M. (2016). **Breakthrough plus 2**. London: Macmillan Education.

Murphy, R. (2010). **Essential grammar in use** (3rd ed.). Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Sargeant, H. (2009). **Essential English grammar**. Australia: Learners Publishing.

Vince, M. (2010). **Elementary language practice: English grammar and vocabulary** (3rd ed.). Oxford: Macmillan Education.

Details of the course activities

Creative Media Production in International Languages for Local Communities Project

Activity: The students make information signs for a place such as a temple, a church, a mosque, a school, a market, or a tourist attraction in local communities (based on the community needs) and submit a project report to their teacher, which includes the following details:

- 1) objectives
- 2) procedure (with photos showing each activity)
- 3) project duration
- 4) location
- 5) budget
- 6) benefits
- 7) local community satisfaction

Score criteria:

- 1) content accuracy
- 2) creativity
- 3) benefits

Online practice

Activity: The students practice English outside the classroom with online exercises. The online practice is composed of 50 questions.

Correct answer(s)	Online practice score(s)
1-12	3%
13-24	6%
25-50	10%

The online practice link will be given to the students on **20 January – 23 February 2020**. The students have to finish all online exercises by the given time.

LC English One Day Camp

Activity: The students attend the LC English One Day Camp organized by the Language Center. The students will get 10% for attending the camp.