



Language Institute Thammasat University
EL 256 English for Social Administration
Course Syllabus Semester 1/2025



Course Description

Development of structures and expressions for communication skills in the area of social work. Practice in reading, writing, listening and speaking relevant to the fundamentals of social work as well as social work issues.

Course Objectives and Learning Outcomes (COLOs)

Objective 1: To be able to read and discuss materials related to particular issues in social work.
Learning Outcome 1.1: Read and discuss news articles during group-based tasks.
Objective 2: To be able to demonstrate writing skills in the field of social work.
Learning Outcome 2.1: Write a summary.
Learning Outcome 2.2: Use the vocabulary and grammatical structures successfully when writing.
Objective 3: To demonstrate listening/speaking skills and an understanding of the aspects of social work practice.
Learning Outcome 3.1: Present roles and duties of social workers in different settings through oral presentation.
Learning Outcome 3.2: Listen to various contexts related to social work and social problems.
Objective 4: To demonstrate critical thinking skills in discussing social problems.
Learning Outcome 4.1: Present problems and solutions or suggestions to certain social problems.
Learning Outcome 4.2: Present a news story on social problems and share insightful comments.

Course Materials

Course materials will be provided by the course instructor.

Course Evaluation

Assessment	Points	Grade	Points
Attendance and Participation	10	A	80 and above
Assignment 1	10	B+	75 - 79
Assignment 2	10	B	70 - 74
Assignment 3	20	C+	65 - 69
Midterm Examination	25	C	60 - 64
Final Examination	25	D+	55 - 59
Total	100	D	50 - 54
		F	49 and below

Assessment Criteria (Assignments)	Points
Content and Originality	4%
Language Accuracy	4%
Interesting Presentation and Creativity	2%

Assignments

Tasks	What to do	What to submit
Assignment 1 COLO: 3.1 SDG: 4	<u>An individual work</u> 1. Choose a type of social worker you are interested in or would like to become. 2. Write a 150–200-word paragraph explaining: - Why you chose this type of social worker, - Where they typically work, and - What their daily responsibilities involve. 3. Deliver a 2–3-minute live presentation using visual aids (e.g., PowerPoint) to enhance visual engagement.	1. In-class presentation with visual aids (10 points) 2. Script (If it is not submitted, 2 points will be deducted.)
Assignment 2 COLO: 2.2, 4.1, 4.3 SDG: 3, 4	<u>A pair work</u> 1. Identify a challenge currently faced by social workers in your city. 2. Write a 150–200-word paragraph that discusses: - The types of social workers involved, - The specific challenge, - Its causes, - Possible solutions, and - Your recommendations. 3. Create a 3–4-minute video presentation using visual aids (e.g., PowerPoint) to make your presentation more engaging and effective.	1. VDO clip with visual aids (10 points) 2. Script (If it is not submitted, 2 points will be deducted.)
Assignment 3 COLO: 1.1, 2.2, 4.2, 4.3 SDG: 4	<u>A pair work</u> 1. Select a news article that focuses on a social issue and contains at least three direct quotes. 2. Write a 150–200-word summary of the news story and the comments it includes. Be sure to convert the three direct quotes into reported speech as part of your summary. (7 points for the summary, 3 points for reported speech) 3. Prepare and deliver a 3–4-minute live presentation using visual aids (e.g., PowerPoint) to support and enhance your delivery.	1. In-class presentation with visual aids (10 points) 2. A news summary (10 points) 3. The original news story (If it is not submitted, 2 points will be deducted.)

***All assignments must be submitted on time. For each day an assignment is late, 1 point will be deducted from the earned score.**

Attendance/Participation Policy

Students are required to attend at least 80% of the total class hours. Those who miss more than three classes will receive an 'F' in the course. For each absence, 1 point will be deducted, and for being late to class, 0.5 point will be deducted.

Plagiarism Policy

Thammasat University students are required to refrain from any kind of plagiarism, i.e. an act of copying other people's work, such as language, thoughts, or expressions, without crediting the original author(s). Copying any sentences or paragraphs from any sources, e.g. websites, books, etc., and pasting them into their assignments are thus considered cheating, which will result in a mark of zero for the assignment or even an F grade.

Active Learning Activities

1. Exercises, group discussions
2. Lectures and videos
3. Online research assignments
4. Presentations (in-class and video)
5. CLIL

Instructors, Class Time and Rooms

Section/Group	Day	Time	Room	Instructor
700001	Monday	09.30 – 12.30	3310	Asst.Prof. Dr.Chongrak Sitthirak
700002	Monday	09.30 – 12.30	3311	Dr.Duangkamon Klungthong
700003	Monday	09.30 – 12.30	3315	Asst. Prof.Warangkana Pongsatornpiat

Tentative Schedule

Week	Date	Learning outcome/ activity	Topic/ content
1	4 August	Read and talk about types of social workers.	- Course Introduction - About Social Workers
2	11 August (Holiday)	Watch videos about social workers.	Tense Review
3	18 August	Review present simple tense, present progressive tense, past simple tense, past progressive tense, and present perfect tense.	
4	25 August	Read and talk about challenges of social workers.	Challenges of Social Workers
5	1 September	Watch videos about challenges of social workers.	Subject-Verb Agreement
6	8 September	- Practice subject-verb agreement. - Practice modals.	Modals
7	15 September	In-class presentation	*Assignment 1: Types of Social Workers
Monday 22 September		Midterm Examination (12.00 - 14.00)	
8	29 September	Read and talk about social problem news.	- Social Problem News - Reported Speech
9	6 October	Watch videos about social problem news.	
10	13 October (Holiday)	- Practice reported speech. - Write a news summary.	
11	20 October	Read and talk about characteristics and skills of successful social workers.	Characteristics and Skills of Successful Social Workers
12	27 October	Watch videos about skills and traits of social workers.	The Passive Voice
13	3 November	Practice the passive voice.	*Assignment 2: Challenges of Social Workers (20 October)
14	10 November	In-class presentation	*Assignment 3: Social Problem News
15	17 November	Review for the final examination.	
Wednesday 3 December		Final Examination (13.00 - 15.00)	

Important Dates

Add/drop period	4 - 17 August 2025
Drop with 'W'	20 August - 13 October 2025
Last day of the semester	22 November 2025
Midterm Exam Week	21 - 28 September 2025
Final Exam Week	24 November - 9 December 2025
Midterm Exam Date	22 September 2025
Final Exam Date	3 December 2025

Public Holidays

Monday 11 August 2025 – Bridge Holiday
Tuesday 12 August 2025 – Mother's Day
Monday 13 October 2025 – Navamindra Maharaj Day
Thursday 23 October 2025 – King Chulalongkorn Day

TU Mental Health Services

Students can assess their well-being using available self-assessment tools and access professional support through TU Mental Health Services.

Call Center
02 026 2345

How to get mental health services

<https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=1139525088175645&set=pcb.1139583574836463>

How to assess your well-being

<https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=1139525021508985&set=pcb.1139583574836463>

Thammasat Well-being Center Facebook

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