



University of Economics Ho Chi Minh City
FULBRIGHT ECONOMICS TEACHING PROGRAM

ENGLISH FOR PUBLIC POLICY

INTERMEDIATE AND LOWER-INTERMEDIATE CLASS

Fall 2012

Class Time

Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday 13:30 – 15:30

October 8, 2012 to January 7, 2013

Placement test on Wednesday, October 3, 2012

Final test on Monday, January 7, 2013

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Objectives

By the end of the course, students will

- develop basic vocabulary in economics and public policy
- be able to fully understand complex sentences in academic texts
- develop basic communication skills

Course Description

Class meets three times per week. One of the sessions each week is devoted to developing basic communication skills essential for studying and working in public policy environment.

In order to be able to read academic texts, students must develop a strong foundation in structures of academic texts at the sentence level. The course will familiarize students with these structures so that students are able to understand complex sentences in academic texts. The texts used in demonstrating these structures are taken from materials relevant to public policy and economics, which will also provide students with basic vocabulary in these areas.

Although the intermediate and lower-intermediate classes share the same syllabus, instructions and text contents in the two classes will be chosen to fit students' English levels and to facilitate students' learning process. Class instructions will be in both English and Vietnamese.

Requirements

Students are required to attend every class, participate actively in class, and complete all homework assigned by the instructors.

Final grades are calculated as follow:

- Class participation 20%
- In-class tests 20%
- Group presentation 30%
- Final exam 30%

Class participation: The School's class attendance policy is applied. Students are expected to make the most use of their class time in terms of practicing structures from readings and other integrated skills.

Homework: There are five in-class tests to keep track of students' progress.

Group presentation: Students will be divided into smaller groups (4 members/group max). By the end of the course, each group will make a presentation on a public policy topic of their choice. The purpose of this activity is to create a chance for students to put into use the language skills they have learned throughout the course. As such, students' presentation is not graded in terms of presentation skills or pronunciation but on the ability to convey certain contents in English from reading academic texts.

Final exam: The final exam is a TOEFL-styled test. The last four sessions of the course will be devoted to familiarizing students with the test format.

Textbooks

Các khái niệm cơ bản về kinh tế - Basic Economic Concepts, Tủ sách kiến thức Saigon Times Foundation, NXB Tổng hợp TP.HCM

Mai Lan Hương & Hà Thanh Uyên, *Giải thích Ngữ pháp Tiếng Anh*, NXB Đà Nẵng (MLH)

L.G.Alexander, *Longman English Grammar Practice for intermediate students*, Longman (Longman)

Howard Jackson, *Analyzing English – An introduction to descriptive linguistics*, Pergamon (Analyzing English)

Tô Minh Thanh, *English Syntax*

Class Schedules

Week	Class	Monday	Wednesday	Thursday
1			Placement Test	
2	Inter	<i>Thomas Clafin</i> Integrated skills	<i>Huynh T. Hoa Sen</i> Nouns / Pronouns / Verbs <i>MLH p.5-24, 87-122;</i> <i>Longman p.26-64, 122-180</i>	<i>Huynh T. Hoa Sen</i> Adjectives / Adverbs / Comparison of Adjectives and Adverbs <i>MLH p.46-80; Longman p.80-104</i>
	Lower	<i>Huynh T. Hoa Sen</i> Nouns / Pronouns / Verbs <i>MLH p.5-24, 87-122;</i> <i>Longman p.26-64, 122-180</i>	<i>Hoang Ngoc Lan</i> Nouns / Pronouns / Verbs <i>MLH p.5-24, 87-122;</i> <i>Longman p.26-64, 122-180</i>	<i>Thomas Clafin</i> Integrated skills
3	Inter	<i>Thomas Clafin</i> Integrated skills	<i>Huynh T. Hoa Sen</i> Prepositions / Conjunctions <i>MLH p.134-169;</i> <i>Longman p.106-120</i>	<i>Huynh T. Hoa Sen</i> Phrases and clauses of Purpose <i>MLH p.220-222</i>
	Lower	<i>Huynh T. Hoa Sen</i> Adjectives / Adverbs / Comparison of Adjectives and Adverbs <i>MLH p.46-80; Longman p.80-104</i>	<i>Hoang Ngoc Lan</i> Prepositions / Conjunctions <i>MLH p.134-169;</i> <i>Longman p.106-120</i>	<i>Thomas Clafin</i> Integrated skills
4	Inter	<i>Thomas Clafin</i> Integrated skills	<i>Hoang Ngoc Lan</i> Phrases and clauses of Result / Cause <i>MLH p.223-229</i>	<i>Huynh T. Hoa Sen</i> Phrases and clauses of Contrast <i>MLH p.230-239</i>
	Lower	<i>Hoang Ngoc Lan</i> Prepositions / Conjunctions <i>MLH p.134-169;</i> <i>Longman p.106-120</i>	<i>Huynh T. Hoa Sen</i> Phrases and clauses of Purpose <i>MLH p.220-222</i>	<i>Thomas Clafin</i> Integrated skills
5	Inter	<i>Thomas Clafin</i> Integrated skills	<i>Huynh T. Hoa Sen</i> Noun clauses <i>MLH p.240-241</i>	<i>Huynh T. Hoa Sen</i> Relative clauses <i>MLH p.242-256</i>
	Lower	<i>Huynh T. Hoa Sen</i> Phrases and clauses of Result / Cause <i>MLH p.223-229</i>	<i>Hoang Ngoc Lan</i> Phrases and clauses of Contrast <i>MLH p.230-239</i>	<i>Thomas Clafin</i> Integrated skills

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6	Inter	<i>Thomas Claflin</i> Integrated skills	<i>Hoang Ngoc Lan</i> Sentences 1: Types of sentences; Sentence patterns <i>MLH p.257-319;</i> <i>Longman p.2-24;</i> <i>Analyzing English Ch1;</i> <i>English Syntax (To Minh Thanh)</i>	<i>Huynh T. Hoa Sen</i> English positional classes: nominals, verbals, adverbials <i>English Syntax (To Minh Thanh);</i> <i>Analyzing English Ch2</i>
	Lower	<i>Hoang Ngoc Lan</i> Noun clauses <i>MLH p.240-241</i>	<i>Huynh T. Hoa Sen</i> Relative clauses <i>MLH p.242-256</i>	<i>Thomas Claflin</i> Integrated skills
7	Inter	<i>Thomas Claflin</i> Integrated skills	<i>Huynh T. Hoa Sen</i> Phrases: NP vs VP; AP vs AdvP; PP <i>English Syntax (To Minh Thanh);</i> <i>Analyzing English Ch3-5</i>	<i>Huynh T. Hoa Sen</i> Noun phrases: Pre-nominal modifiers <i>English Syntax (To Minh Thanh);</i> <i>Analyzing English Ch3-5</i>
	Lower	<i>Huynh T. Hoa Sen</i> Sentences 1: Types of sentences; Sentence patterns <i>MLH p.257-319;</i> <i>Longman p.2-24;</i> <i>Analyzing English Ch1;</i> <i>English Syntax (To Minh Thanh)</i>	<i>Hoang Ngoc Lan</i> English positional classes: nominals, verbals, adverbials <i>English Syntax (To Minh Thanh);</i> <i>Analyzing English Ch2</i>	<i>Thomas Claflin</i> Integrated skills
8		No Class	No Class	No Class
9	Inter	<i>Thomas Claflin</i> Integrated skills	<i>Hoang Ngoc Lan</i> Noun phrases: Post-nominal modifiers <i>English Syntax (To Minh Thanh);</i> <i>Analyzing English Ch3-5</i>	<i>Huynh T. Hoa Sen</i> Clauses: Types of clause; Finite vs. non-finite clauses <i>English Syntax (To Minh Thanh);</i> <i>Analyzing English Ch6-7</i>
	Lower	<i>Hoang Ngoc Lan</i> Phrases: NP vs VP; AP vs AdvP; PP <i>English Syntax (To Minh Thanh);</i> <i>Analyzing English Ch3-5</i>	<i>Huynh T. Hoa Sen</i> Noun phrases: Pre-nominal modifiers <i>English Syntax (To Minh Thanh);</i> <i>Analyzing English Ch3-5</i>	<i>Thomas Claflin</i> Integrated skills

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10	Inter	<i>Thomas Claflin</i> Integrated skills	<i>Huynh T. Hoa Sen</i> Sentences 2: Complex sentence with Embedded clauses, Adjective clauses, Adverbial clauses <i>English Syntax (To Minh Thanh)</i>	<i>Huynh T. Hoa Sen</i> Understanding structures: Tree diagram <i>English Syntax (To Minh Thanh)</i>
	Lower	<i>Huynh T. Hoa Sen</i> Noun phrases: Post-nominal modifiers <i>English Syntax (To Minh Thanh)</i> ; <i>Analyzing English Ch3-5</i>	<i>Hoang Ngoc Lan</i> Clauses: Types of clause; Finite vs. non-finite clauses <i>English Syntax (To Minh Thanh)</i> ; <i>Analyzing English Ch6-7</i>	<i>Thomas Claflin</i> Integrated skills
11	Inter	<i>Thomas Claflin</i> Integrated skills	<i>Hoang Ngoc Lan</i> Analyzing texts 1	<i>Huynh T. Hoa Sen</i> Analyzing texts 2
	Lower	<i>Hoang Ngoc Lan</i> Sentences 2: Complex sentence with Embedded clauses, Adjective clauses, Adverbial clauses <i>English Syntax (To Minh Thanh)</i>	<i>Huynh T. Hoa Sen</i> Understanding structures: Tree diagram <i>English Syntax (To Minh Thanh)</i>	<i>Thomas Claflin</i> Integrated skills
12	Inter	<i>Thomas Claflin</i> Integrated skills	<i>Huynh T. Hoa Sen</i> Analyzing texts 3	<i>Huynh T. Hoa Sen</i> Group presentations
	Lower	<i>Huynh T. Hoa Sen</i> Practice Tree diagram <i>English Syntax (To Minh Thanh)</i>	<i>Hoang Ngoc Lan</i> Revision	<i>Thomas Claflin</i> Group presentations
13	Inter	No Class	Test Prep	Test Prep
	Lower	No Class	Test Prep	Test Prep
14	Inter	No Class	Test Prep	Test Prep
	Lower	No Class	Test Prep	Test Prep
15		Final Test		