

What is the Advanced English Course (AEC) II?

The AEC II is designed to meet the English language testing requirement for SIU students awaiting graduation. The successful completion of this course will be viewed as an acceptable alternative to taking the various English proficiency examinations.

What are the AEC II's aims?

AEC II students will discover how to use and extend their English vocabulary, grammar and communication skills more consciously and effectively for academic purposes. The AEC is similar to mainstream English courses in that students analyse literature and write multi-draft essays of various forms. Students participate in class-wide and small-group academic discussions. They learn strategies to advance their reading, listening and pronunciation skills. They enhance oral comprehension skills and write complete sentences, standard paragraphs and short content-based essays. They utilise level-appropriate conventions of grammar and punctuation with a minimum of errors.

How is the AEC II structured?

The AEC consists of twenty 3-hour sessions for a total of 60 hours of instruction. The course will address all four areas of English language production and associated skills (such as presentation, comprehension etc).

AEC deliverables include writing assignments, reading comprehension assessments, public speaking productions, listening exercises and interviews.

Where & when will the AEC II be delivered?

The AEC II will be taught at SIU's BBD Building, Vibhavadi Rangsit Road, Bangkok:. For a location map, please see:

<<http://wikimapia.org/17094726/Shinawatra-University-SIU-International-BBD-Vibhavadi-Building>>.

The AEC II will be delivered on Sundays commencing on 9th November 2014. During some weeks will be morning classes only; during other weeks there will be morning and afternoon classes. A detailed timetable will be published shortly.

What assignments must AEC II students complete?

Maintaining a journal of writings	Developing cross word puzzles
Speech development and delivery	Conducting pre-tests and post-tests
Conducting an interview with 3 native speakers	Exit interviewing by a panel
Newspaper article reviews	Writing a research paper
Panel discussions	Team presentation
Vocabulary development	Additional assignments

Who will co-ordinate the AEC II?



ANDREW ELLIOTT

The AEC II will be co-ordinated by Mr Andrew Elliott, from SIU's School of Liberal Arts. Mr Andrew holds degrees in Modern History and Linguistics / Education and was responsible for co-ordinating AEC I. He has worked in various educational fields in Thailand since 1999 and has experience of co-ordinating educational projects with a range of parties which include over 40 universities, the Ministry of Education, the Office of the Higher Education Commission, the Office for National Education Standards and Quality Assessment, the Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare , the International Schools' Association of Thailand and the Royal Thai Police. Andrew's main role in the AEC II will be to liaise with the AEC's external quality assessors; he will also undertake more general liaison tasks as required.

Who will be teaching the AEC II?



DR STEVE MCKEE

The AEC II's Senior Course Instructor is Dr Steve McKee, Associate Dean of Graduate Students at SIU. Dr Steve holds a PhD degree from the Ohio State University in teacher education, evaluation strategies, statistics, and research methodology.

He is a highly experienced English instructor & has taught courses in English structure, public speaking, reading comprehension and academic writing. Dr Steve is an experienced TOEFL and TOEIC instructor who currently teaches an SIU graduate course on Principles in English Testing and Evaluation. He has published numerous articles and a book.

Who will be teaching the AEC II?



**AJARN STEVE
COCHRANE**

Ajarn Steve Cochrane will be one of the AEC II's Course Instructors. Ajarn Steve has over 14 years' experience teaching IELTS and other subjects at Mahidol, Kasertsart and other Thai universities. Most of his students have been postgraduates, although he has also taught undergraduates and trained corporate executives.

Ajarn Steve's qualifications include an MBA, a B Sc and a TEFL certificate. His interests include music, swimming and fencing (which he has taught at various international schools in Thailand).

Who will be teaching the AEC II?



**AJARN BERNARD
GILMAN**

Ajarn Bernard will be one of the AEC II's Course Instructors. He has been working in Thailand since 2000 as a Head of Corporate Training, a management consultant, an international school Secondary Head, a staff development expert and a professional coach.

In addition to his distinguished track record as an English Language specialist, Ajarn Bernard has taught (and written on) Economics and acted extensively as an external examiner. He holds a B Ed degree and an M Ed degree as well as a Certificate in Teaching English as a Foreign Language.