

Language Center News

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A Message from the Editor



Hello Everyone,

Now that the final examinations for the first semester of 2008 have finished, I hope all students are enjoying a short break before starting the second semester. For those students who are going into Supervised Field Training, I also hope you all have gained valuable experience outside the classroom and are happy with working. Many staff members have been enjoying the Communicative Grammar I class taught by Dr. Warothai Siriseranee. After completing this class, more English classes for staff will be offered free of charge: Conversation I, Writing I, and Communicative Grammar II. These courses will be announced later.

Dr. Warothai Siriseranee

Preparatory English Course

Many students would like to study on the International Program, but are afraid that their English is not good enough. The Preparatory English Course prepares students in the four key English skills needed on the International Program. Details of the course will be announced very soon.

Remedial English Course

Many Thai Program fourth-year students come to the Language Center asking about a Remedial English Course. In the upcoming semester, we are to offer such a course, which aims to build upon the four English skills and prepare them to apply for workplaces that require proficiency in English.

Foreign Language Courses



The Language Center has been expecting to offer foreign language courses to both its registered students and external applicants as follows:

1	Mandarin Chinese I-IV	2	Japanese I - IV
3	Korean I-IV	4	Arabic I - IV
5	French I-IV	6	Spanish I - IV
7	German I-IV	8	Russian I - IV

Knowledge of a foreign language, other than English, is becoming increasingly important in this age of globalization - especially in the hospitality industry. In this industry there exists a strong demand for personnel with abilities in foreign languages to: (1) communicate with non-English speaking customers and colleagues; (2) assist foreign tourists; (3) work abroad in non-English speaking countries. In the hotel business, the need for foreign language skills lies mostly within the front-office function. Also, airline and tourism sectors are other areas that can benefit most from improved foreign language skills. In Thailand, the demand for personnel with foreign language skills is large whereas the supply is small. Foreign language courses will prepare learners to fill vacancies in workplaces that are in need of staff with strong foreign language skills.