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**Module: English**

## **Lesson 1 : English as an Academic and Global Discipline**

### **1. Introduction**

English today functions not only as a language of communication but also as a global academic tool, a medium of research, diplomacy, politics, and international cooperation. Understanding English as a discipline requires exploring how it developed as a global language and how it interacts with fields such as learning theory, political science, and globalization studies.

This lesson introduces students to the importance of English, its academic relevance, and how scholars have contributed to its teaching, use, and global impact.

### **2. The Importance of Learning English**

#### **2.1 English as a Tool for Learning**

Research in language acquisition stresses that students do not only learn English, but also learn how to learn English.

Ellis & Sinclair (1999) emphasize that English learning improves when students adopt learner-training strategies, such as setting goals, monitoring progress, and using authentic materials.

→ This shows that English is not simply a subject; it is a skill-building system that teaches learners how to think, analyze, and communicate effectively.

#### **2.2 English as a Medium of Academic Research**

English is the dominant language of academic writing and research worldwide.

Students who master academic English gain access to:

- International journals
- Scientific conferences
- Global academic communities

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Many fields — including politics, economics, and sociology — use English as the primary language of debate and knowledge-sharing.

## 3. English in Global Communication

### 3.1 English in International Relations

Andrew Kydd (2005), in his work on trust and mistrust in international politics, demonstrates how communication plays a central role in diplomatic relations.

English is widely used as a lingua franca in political negotiations, treaties, and international organizations such as:

- The United Nations
- The African Union
- International NGOs

Understanding English therefore strengthens students' ability to participate in global discussions.

### 3.2 English in Political and Economic Analysis

Bruce Bueno de Mesquita (2006) applies game theory to political and economic systems.

His work is widely read in English-speaking academic environments, showing that English is essential to understanding and participating in global political economy debates.

Students with advanced English can interpret political models, research articles, and analytical frameworks more effectively.

## 4. English and Globalization

### 4.1 English as a Global Language

The Encyclopedia of Globalization (Scholte & Robertson, 2007) highlights English as one of the most powerful tools shaping global interactions.

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- Trade
- Media
- Technology
- Education

#### ***4.2 English in the Digital Age***

Today, most online content — academic articles, search engines, technological documentation — is written in English.

Students who master English gain access to global knowledge, digital resources, and international professional opportunities.

### **5. Conclusion**

English is more than a school subject: it is a global academic discipline that supports learning, research, diplomacy, economics, and technology.

By understanding English through the lenses of learner training (Ellis & Sinclair), international politics (Kydd), political economy (Bueno de Mesquita), and globalization (Scholte & Robertson), students gain a deeper awareness of the language's power and relevance.

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