

## **The Application of CALL in Teaching English in the Thai Context at KBU**

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### **Abstract**

Thailand has the Thai language as the national official language since the country was established. But English has played its important roles in Thai society. Then English has been a core curriculum in general education in Thai baccalaureate degrees, so teaching English is serious and intensive all through the years. Many innovative approaches of teaching have been employed such as special tutorial classes, English language learning center, self-access learning center, etc. It is also a must of development of teachers, curriculum, and methods of teaching English annually. Recently, some Thai educational institutions have adopted a CALL in teaching English far and wide.

This paper describes the use of a CALL in an e-learning - teaching as the teaching approach for Fundamental English II (5 sections, 200 students) from the faculties of Business Administration, Law, Communication Arts, Engineering, Architecture, Liberal Arts, and Science and Technology, from October 2004 to February 2005 (semester 2/2004) at Kasem Bundit University (KBU), a Thai private university in Bangkok. The paper will also touch the roles of teachers and students, administration, as well as the advantages and disadvantages of the application.