

SEASSI 2005

Syllabus

First Year Burmese

GOALS

After Eight weeks of instruction, the student should be able to

- a. communicate with the Burmese speakers verbally or in writing using basic vocabulary and simple utterances in the following situations:
 - o general conversation in a social setting
 - o taking a taxi
 - o ordering at restaurants & cafes
 - o making phone calls
 - o taking photographs
 - o asking the way
- b. read and write both in colloquial and literary styles
- c. participate and be understood in a Burmese society with some awareness of Burmese social and cultural aspects.

RESOURCES

- o Beginning Burmese Lessons by Saw Tun
<http://www.seasite.niu.edu/burmese/Beginning/beginning.htm>
- o Burmese Script Lessons by Saw Tun
http://www.seasite.niu.edu/burmese/script/script_index.htm
- o Literary Burmese by John Okell
- o a collection of miscellaneous reading & listening materials

PROCESS

Students will

- o prepare lessons at home in advance (studying with the help from the website, reading grammatical explanations and memorizing vocabulary, etc.)
- o participate in doing interactive exercises based on the conversational course books
- o identify and write out the scripts in words and sentences
- o participate in weekly joint sessions on various aspects of Burma
- o converse with native speakers residing in the neighborhood

ASSESSMENT

- daily student progress assessment based on in-class participation and performance
- daily oral and/ or written quiz
- Quizzes 30
- Homework 30
- Final Exam 40

ATTENDANCE POLICY

SEASSI is an intensive program in which each day's activities equate to a full week of academic year language study. Consistent and active participation is essential and elective absence is discouraged in the strongest possible terms. A day of elective absence reduces the highest possible grade that a student may earn by one level. Thus, a student who elects to be absent for one day of class can earn at most a grade of AB. A second absence reduces the highest possible grade to B, and so on."

INSTRUCTORS:

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OFFICE HOURS:

Saw Tun	2:30- 4:30 Mon-Thurs
Thet Han Myint	1:30-2:30 Mon- Thurs
Sandar Wynn	2:30- 4:30 Mon- Thurs