

**SEASSI 2012**  
**LCA 415/416 Lao for Intermediate and Advanced Levels**

**Instructors:** Carolyn Dean and Manynooch Faming  
**Time:** 8:00 – 12:30 (M-F)                      **Venue:** 2121 Humanities Building  
**Office hour:** By appointment  
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### **Description**

This is an intensive course (equivalent to one full academic year course) for students who have learned some Lao either on their own or through formal courses or have a background in Thai language. The course aims to provide further exposure and training in speaking, listening, reading and writing skills that will help with expressing an individual's personality and thoughts. While building up vocabulary, students will be given lots of in class speaking practice through discussing various topics and then be able to develop them further through homework assignments and in class reading and text analysis. In class activities include conversations and discussions with the focus on developing greater fluency while also making corrections to tones, sounds, expressions, and grammar. For reading and writing, students will improve their reading skills through learning how paragraphs and larger texts are constructed and through independent projects and exercises focusing on grammatical structures. In addition, the course will provide opportunity for review and development of higher level skills through an integrated approach, practice and feedback allowing for both structure and creativity.

### **Objectives**

By the end of this course, students will be able to:

1. Develop a broader range of vocabulary, expressions and structures
2. With greater fluency and accuracy engage in dialogue, express ideas, give speeches, and converse with ease in Lao
3. Understand and be able to write compositions describing more complex and advanced topics in Lao.

### **Requirements**

	Percentage of Grade
1. Attendance and Participation	60%
Students are expected to participate in all activities of speaking, listening, reading and writing exercises, hand in homework assignments, and take part in weekly quizzes. Students are also expected to attend the class daily. Students who miss more than 4 classes will not be allowed to sit for the midterm examination. If you have made prior plans, you are advised to reschedule, particularly for those holders of FLAS scholarships. For those who will have excuses for absences, we recommend you register as a non-credit course.	
2. Midterm examination	20%
3. Final Examination	20%

### **Textbooks**

There are no standard books for this course. Books, textbooks, Lao language manuals and others that students find either in the library, internet or other sources are all useful and relevant. For this particular intensive course, students will be provided with many hand-outs and copies related to the topic of each class. However, for those who feel like having a hand on a book or books, we recommend:

Candlelight School. 2007. *New Experiences in Laos*. Vientiane, Laos  
Frank Smith. 2005. *Thaan Samay*. Berkeley, CA.