

**FIRST AND SECOND SEMESTER THAI
THAI 317/318
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Hours: Monday - Friday 8:00 am. - 12:00 p.m.

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Texts:

1. Chanprasert Elbow, Kannikar. Beginning Thai: Speaking Thai, Workbook, and Writing Workbook. – Material will be available at the Humanities Copy Center, 1650 Humanities, 455 N. Park Street.
2. Brown, J. Marvin. (1986). A.U.A. Language Center Thai Course: Reading Text. Bangkok: American University Alumni Association.
3. Thai-English Student's Dictionary by Mary Haas is highly recommended.

Course Description:

During the eight-week summer session, students will study basic Thai language in all skills. Students will learn the A.U.A. transcription symbols to facilitate pronunciation and language acquisition. As students learn the Thai script, they will gradually shift from using the phonetic system to the Thai writing system.

Course Goals:

By the end of the summer, students will be able to:

- carry on a basic conversation using appropriate vocabulary and pronunciation;
- ask and answer simple questions;
- demonstrate a clear understanding of the basic Thai reading/ writing system
- read simple Thai sentences.

Class Requirements:

1. Students must attend all classes and come to class on time.
2. Students are expected to be active learners of Thai and should contribute to class discussion and activities on their own initiative.
3. Homework and in-class assignments must be submitted on time.
4. Students are responsible for obtaining homework assignments from their classmates when they must miss class.
5. Participation in joint (all levels) classes' activities are required. During the course of the summer, students will participate in various activities i.e. food preparation and outing, temple visit and cultural points discussion classes.

Grading:

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| Participation/Attendance | 30 % |
| Homework and Assignments | 30 % |
| Projects (2 projects) | 10 % |
| Quizzes and Exams | 30 % |

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.