

**FIFTH AND SIXTH SEMESTER THAI
THAI 517/ 518
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TEXT: Bickner, Robert, Patcharin Peyasantiwong, Kannikar Elbow, Sidhorn Sangdhanoo and Janpanit Surasin: *Thai Reader*.

RECOMMENDED: Haas, Mary. *A Thai-English Dictionary*.

OTHER MATERIALS:

1. Various authentic materials, including magazines, newspapers, song lyrics, movies, etc.
2. Motion pictures and audio tapes.

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course is designed to stimulate and enhance students' communication capabilities at a practical level in both casual and academic levels. It provides students with various situational and cultural use of the Thai language. Writers' views on various contemporary issues as well as their implied solutions to familiar, social, political, and economic problems will be examined.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

To advance student's verbal and written communication skills, while gaining deeper insight into Thai culture.

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

1. Increase reading speed, both aloud and silently.

2. Summarize the main ideas of the passages or dialogues they listen to or read, and comment about them.
3. Discuss various contemporary issues with ease.
4. Write essays, with appropriate use of words and grammatical patterns;
5. Gain deeper insight into Thai culture, and its reflection in the proper use of language.
6. Give short oral presentations in Thai.
7. Have fundamental command of the language to facilitate study or research work in Thailand.

CLASS REQUIREMENTS:

1. Participation: This class emphasizes interactive learning in class. Hence, students are expected to seriously contribute to class discussions and activities. Excessive tardiness or absence will affect your grade.
2. Homework and class assignments must be submitted on time. Late assignments will affect your grade.
3. Students are responsible for obtaining homework assignments from their classmates when missing class.
4. 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:

Evaluation is based on the progress of each individual student against their own skill level at the start of the semester.

Class participation & attendance	40 %
Homework and project assignments	30 %
Quizzes & 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.