

**FIRST AND SECOND SEMESTER THAI
THAI 317/318
SEASSI 2005**

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HOURS: Monday - Friday 8:00 - 12:00 a.m.

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REQUIRED TEXTS:

Brown, J. Marvin. (1991). *A.U.A. Language Center Thai Course: Book I and II*. Ithaca, NY: Cornell University.

Brown, J. Marvin. (1986). *A.U.A. Language Center Thai Course: Reading and Writing. Workbook and Text*. Bangkok: American University Alumni Association.

RECOMMENDED:

Hass, Mary. *A Thai-English Dictionary*.

OTHER MATERIALS

Cassette tapes, video tapes, notebooks, flash cards, and other supplementary materials.

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Listening and Speaking:

There are total of 40 units in A.U.A. Book I and II, which are covered in 8 weeks (approximately one unit per day). At the beginning of the course, 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.

Each A.U.A. Unit is accompanied by a cassette tape. Students are expected to listen to the accompanying tapes (either at home or at the Language Lab on the second floor of Van Hise Hall.)

Reading and Writing:

In this course, students will learn to read and write Thai. The A.U. A. Phonetic system and basic linguistic categories will be introduced to facilitate learning the writing system.

COURSE GOAL:

At the end of the summer, students will be expected to be able to do the following:

1. Carry on a simple conversation in Thai using vocabulary and sentences from modules and modalities provided and from the A.U.A. Book I and II, and the A.U.A. Book Reading and Writing;
2. Ask and answer simple questions based on passages and dialog read in class;
3. Read simple Thai passages with fairly accurate pronunciation;
4. Write and tell simple stories in Thai;
5. Demonstrate a clear understanding of the Thai writing system, including consonant classes, alphabet order, vowels, and the tonal system.

CLASS REQUIREMENTS:

1. Students must come to class on time. Excessive tardiness will affect your grade.
2. Participation: 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. Late assignments will not be accepted.
4. Students are responsible for obtaining homework assignments from their classmates when they miss class.

GRADING:

Participation/Attendance	40 %
Homework and Assignments	30 %
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.