

Introductory Vietnamese

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COURSE OUTLINE

OBJECTIVES:

Students who complete the course should be able to:

- Engage in simple conversations
- Skim and scan various types of authentic materials for information
- Read and write short narrations
- Understand some basic aspects of Vietnamese culture related to language use

INSTRUCTIONAL METHODS:

The overarching methodology will be based on a communicative, performance-based approach that gives students ample opportunity to interact with the instructor, peers, and native guest speakers through everyday conversations, interviews, show and tell, simple narratives of events, skits, etc. Much emphasis will be placed on flow and sufficient accuracy necessary for successful communication. Students will also learn to skim and scan various types of text for information and build their writing skill through short essays about themselves and on a number of common topics.

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS:

Required:

Conversational Vietnamese (Eighth edition, 2013) by Bac Hoai Tran

*Link: <http://imp.lss.wisc.edu/lss/mediacat/vn/1/006/index.htm>; User name: lca319, Password: vietngu

Vietnamese Dictionary & Phrasebook (Seventh printing, 2010) by Bac Hoai Tran & Courtney Norris

Recommended:

Colloquial Vietnamese (Second edition, 2012) by Bac Hoai Tran, Ha Minh Nguyen, Tuan Duc Vuong & Que Vuong

Handouts and Other Sources:

Handouts, selected from culturally authentic sources, may include blogs, songs, poems, short stories, online newspaper/magazine articles, ads, photos, etc. Other sources may include movies, (YouTube) video clips, guest speakers, etc.

GRADING CRITERIA:

Attendance and Class Participation	30%
Homework Assignments	20%
Midterm	20%
Final	30%

COURSE SYLLABUS:

First Semester

Week 1:
6/16-6/20

Pronunciation
Lesson 1

At a Party: Greetings, Introductions, and Social Conversation

Week 2:
6/23-6/27

Lesson 2

Talking about the Weather, Climate and Seasons

Lesson 3

Discussing Family and Daily Activities

Midterm

Week 3:
6/30-7/3

Lesson 4

Discussing Schooling and Occupations

Lesson 5

Asking for Directions

Week 4:
7/7-7/11

Lesson 6

In a Restaurant

Lesson 7

At a Hotel and at a Market

Final

Second Semester

Week 5:
7/14-7/18

Lesson 8

Making Telephone Calls and Scheduling Appointments

Lesson 9

Health and Illness

Week 6:
7/21-7/25

Lesson 10

Visiting Interesting Sites by Different Means of Transport

Lessons 11

Dinner at a Friend's

Midterm

Week 7:
7/28-8/1

Lesson 12

Talking about Recreational Activities and Interests

Lesson 13

Discussing Customs and Traditions

Week 8:
8/4-8/8

Lesson 14

Contact by Correspondence and by Phone

Lesson 15

Destination: Vietnam

Final