

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 (Third Edition, April 2002) by Bac Hoai Tran

Recommended:

Bilingual dictionaries (by Nguyen Van Khon, Nguyen Dinh Hoa, or Oxford)

Handouts and Other Sources:

Handouts, selected from culturally authentic sources, will include menus, songs, poems, short stories, newspaper/magazine articles, ads, photos, etc. Other sources will include CD-ROMs, movies, videotapes, audiotapes, television broadcasts, native speaker informants, etc.

GRADING CRITERIA:

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

COURSE SYLLABUS:

First Semester

<u>Week 1:</u> 6/13-6/17	Lesson 1 At a Party: Greetings, Introductions, and Social Conversation
	Lesson 2 Talking about the Weather, Climate and Seasons
<u>Week 2:</u> 6/20-6/24	Lesson 3 Discussing Family and Daily Activities
	Lesson 4 Discussing Schooling and Occupations

Midterm

<u>Week 3:</u> 6/27-7/1	Lesson 5 Asking for Directions
	Lesson 6 In a Restaurant
<u>Week 4:</u> 7/5-7/8	Lesson 7 At a Hotel and at a Market
	Lesson 8 Making Telephone Calls and Scheduling Appointments

Final

Second Semester

<u>Week 5:</u> 7/11-7/15	Lesson 9 Health and Illness
	Lesson 10 Visiting Interesting Sites by Different Means of Transport
<u>Week 6:</u> 7/18-7/22	Lessons 11 Dinner at a Friend's
	Lesson 12 Talking about Recreational Activities and Interests

Midterm

<u>Week 7:</u> 7/25-8/29	Lesson 13 Discussing Customs and Traditions
	Lesson 14 Contact by Correspondence and by Phone
<u>Week 8:</u> 8/1-8/5	Lesson 15 Destination : Vietnam

Final