Advanced Burmese (ASIALANG507/508 001 – 8 credits)
SEASSI 2020 (June 15th – August 7th)
University of Wisconsin, Madison

Course description

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Office hours:
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All courses are conducted on-line.

Course URL: [Course URL]

Class time (15th June – 10th July, the second half: TBA):
Daily 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon (US central time)

Learning outcomes:
This Advanced Burmese course is intended for those who have studied Burmese for at least two years, a good knowledge of Burmese linguistic structures, are capable of reading texts and communicating orally in Burmese with relative ease. Our goal is to help develop further all four language skills – speaking, listening, reading and writing – which should allow the learner to communicate in Burmese with an increased control and confidence. Learners will be exposed to contemporary Burmese in different genres, in both written and spoken forms.

The overall language pedagogy is based on a communicative and performance-based approach: learners are thus required to participate in various activities that are designed to help them master the linguistic skills at the advanced level, which is defined as follows for this course:
- Ability to engage in conversation about selected topics and social settings, using more complex utterances, including a better knowledge of lexical items that cannot only be explained in terms of their grammatical functions
- Abilities to read and understand written and spoken discourse in contemporary Burmese
- Ability to communicate with increased sensitivity to various cultural aspects of Burmese societies, using socially appropriate behavior in interpersonal relations with Burmese speakers

Requirements
Given that language acquisition is a complex process that can be best achieved through a consistent and active participation in learning activities, learners are required to attend all classes and engage in all in-class activities everyday throughout the whole course period of SEASSI. Furthermore, all assignments to do outside must be submitted as specified by the instructors. Failure to fulfill these requirements will not only result in your personal failure to learn Burmese, but also in negatively affecting your grades (see grading criteria below for details).

Final exam dates cannot be rescheduled, except for medical emergencies, for which an official medical certificate must be provided.

Be sure to follow all other specific instructions as they are given throughout the course period. Be sure to seek advice from the instructors if you have any doubts or concerns about your language learning process as soon as possible without waiting until the approaching exam periods.
Resources:
There is no set textbook for this level, but a selection of miscellaneous reading and listening materials will be drawn from various authentic materials.

Assessment
Your work in the course will be assessed through a daily evaluation of your participation in class, assignments turned in as required, quizzes (dates will be specified later) and two exams – mid-term and a final.

Grading criteria (for ASIALANG507 001 DDD & ASIALANG508 001 HDD)
- Attendance and class participation: 30%
- Homework and assignments: 30%
- Journal: 20%
- Final exam: 20%

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