ASIALANG 307-9 (4 credits):
First Semester Thai
Summer 2020
(June 15-July 10, 2020)
M – F 10:00 AM - 2:30 PM CST

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I.  COURSE OVERVIEW:

This class is designed for students who have no practical oral communicative ability in Thai, i.e. those who have never studied nor been exposed to the Thai language before and those who, although might know a few isolated words or expressions in Thai, cannot use the language to communicate extensively.

At the beginning, students have to familiarize with the AUA transcription symbols. Thus, earlier in the semester attention is given to sound production and representation. Students are expected to listen to audio material online to improve the listening skills and pronunciation. As for the content coverage, approximately one or two weeks will be spent per unit depending on the complexity of each unit along with the reading and writing Thai. In the second half of the semester, students will be introduced to the Thai writing and reading system. We will be using the AUA textbook for reading and writing.

At the end of the semester, it is expected that students will be able to handle some survival situations using Thai, i.e. talking about self, family and daily activities, food, making requests and telling time. We will be using the texts in the Speaking Thai 1 Packet as a guide to stimulate students to use Thai in a given situation. We will be using communicative approach in the class with the audio and visual aids, and student-centered activities. The students will also have basic knowledge of the Thai writing system.

Thai is the language of instruction: questions or concerns that require the use of English are addressed outside of class time during the teacher’s office hours.
II. LEARNING OUTCOMES:

At the end of the semester, students are expected to be able to:

a. Maintain basic conversation on common topics such as:
   - Giving and asking about basic personal and family information,
   - Describing places and people,
   - Asking for and telling time,
   - Expressing preferences and making comparison,
   - Talking about daily activities;

b. read simple Thai passages written in AUA transcription symbols with a fairly correct pronunciation;

c. write simple dictation of words, phrases, and sentences using the AUA transcription symbols;

d. write and tell simple original stories in Thai; and

e. identify Thai consonants, vowels and basic reading rules.

III. TEXTBOOKS:

Required: 1) Speaking Thai 1 Textbook and Writing Thai Workbook – can be downloaded from Canvas under the course name.

2) AUA Language Center, Reading and Writing: Text (mostly reading)- must be ordered either from Amazon or Cornell University Press.

3) Additional materials will be provided and downloaded on Canvas.

IV. COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

Homework/Assignments – Daily

Project: Application of language learned to create both audio and visual project to be submitted before the end of the semester. This account for 10% of the total grade

Quizzes: Daily

Dictation – Everyday there will be short dictation either in phonetics or Thai scripts.

Mid-term exam – oral and written, 45 - 50 minutes

Final exam – oral and written tentatively on July 19, 2020

V. COURSE POLICIES:

- Students are expected to come to class on time. Repeated tardiness will result in a lowered grade.
- Homework and assignments have to be submitted on time. There will be penalty for late homework.
- Listening to audio material online is required regularly.
- **Students must prepare in advance for each lesson.**

**YOU ARE ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL PREVIOUSLY LEARNED MATERIAL WHETHER OR NOT YOUR TEACHER TELLS YOU TO REVIEW!**

VI. **GRADING:**

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VII. **COURSE CALENDAR:**

The courses will begin with the focus on verbal communication. (The reading skills in Thai will gradually be introduced and by the end of the summer, students should know the whole reading system and able to go on practicing their reading in Thai.)

Week 1. -- Phonetic transcription, sounds of consonants and vowels, classroom language; greetings and small talk (greetings and leave taking, self introduction)

Week 2. – Talking about places and describing their locations; numbers; basic comparison

Midterm

Week 3. – Describing things around classroom and university; learning languages; describing basic characteristics and stating preferences of people and places

Week 4. – Family and kinship terms; occupations; telling time and daily activities

Final