

**ASIALANG 307 – 009/012 (4 credits):
First Semester Thai
Summer 2021
(June 14 – July 9, 2021)
M- F --- 10:00 AM -2:30 PM CST**

Zoom Links:

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Office Hours: T/TH 2:30 - 3:30PM or by appointment

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, asking for and giving directions, describing places and locations, expressing preferences and making comparisons, 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 begin to 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 do the following in all three modes of communication:

Interpersonal Communication

- Communicating and exchanging basic personal and family information
- Asking for and telling time
- Talking about daily activities

Presentational Communication

- Presenting information about themselves
- Describing places and people
- Expressing preferences and making comparison
- Writing simple dictation of words, phrases, and sentences using the AUA transcription symbols

Interpretive Communication

- Recognizing and understanding of words, simple sentences, and information on familiar topics, including self, family, places, location, and daily activities
- Identifying Thai consonants, vowels and basic reading rules
- Reading simple Thai passages written in AUA transcription symbols with a fairly correct pronunciation

III. TEXTBOOKS:

Required: 1) **Speaking Thai (Units 1-6)** 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 uploaded on Canvas.

IV. COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

Participation/Attendance – Daily participation and full attendance in class

Homework/Assignment – Daily homework/assignment submitted on time

Project: One project due one week before the end of the semester

Quizzes – At the end of each unit

Mid-term exam – Oral and written exam

Final exam – Friday, July 9, 2021: Oral and Written exam

V. COURSE POLICIES:

- Students are expected to come to class on time. Repeated tardiness will result in a lowered grade.

- Homework and assignments should be submitted on time. There will be penalty for late homework.

- Students must prepare in advance for each lesson by listening to audio materials before coming to class and reviewing them after class are required.

VI. GRADING:

Grading Scale:

A	93 - 100
AB	88 - 92
B	80 - 87
BC	75 - 79
C	61 - 74
D	55 - 60
F	≤ 54

Evaluation is based on:

a. Participation/Attendance	20 %
b. Homework/Assignment	20 %
c. Project	10 %
d. Quizzes	20 %
d. Midterm exam	10 %
f. Final exam	20 %

Daily participation will be assessed based on the following rubric:

Score	Criteria
5	Well-prepared; responsible and fully engaged in tasks, participate in all class activities
3-4	Some evident of preparation; somewhat responsible and partially engaged/participate in all tasks and activities
2	Present but not completed preparation work; relatively passive or not volunteering to participate
1	Late (5-20 minutes) to class; not adding to the learning dynamic of the class
0	Elective absence (without informing the instructor)

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 of people and places; introducing reading and writing system.

Midterm

Week 3. -- Describing things around classroom and university; learning languages; describing places, basic characteristics of people and expressing preferences of people and places

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

Final exam and project presentation and discussion

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Second Semester Thai
Summer 2021
(July 12-Aug 6, 2021)
M – F --- 10:00 AM - 2:30 PM CST

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I. COURSE OVERVIEW:

This class is, a continuation of First Semester Thai, designed for students who have minimum practical oral communicative ability in Thai, i.e. those who have just started studying or been somewhat exposed to the Thai language before and those who, although might know some words or expressions in Thai, cannot yet use the language to communicate extensively.

The second part of Beginning Thai Packet (Speaking Thai) has six units continuing from what have been covered in the First Semester Thai. There might be occasions that students have to review both vocabulary and language use in the first part of Speaking Thai.

The students are expected to be able to memorize all the introduced alphabets, vowels and the reading rules. The authentic reading materials will be introduced from time to time to help students develop reading strategies and gain confidence in reading Thai authentic texts.

At the end of the semester, it is expected that students will be able to handle some survival situations using Thai, i.e. extending and receiving invitations, ordering food, expressing preferences, traveling, giving and asking directions, doing errands, going shopping, making phone calls and taking phone messages, dealing with sickness. We will be using communicative approach in the class with the audio and visual aid, and student-centered activities. The students will continue reviewing the Thai Writing system and be able to read and write short passages in Thai.

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II. LEARNING OUTCOMES:

At the end of the semester, students are expected to be able to do the following in all three modes of communication:

Interpersonal Communication

- Inquiring about food, prices, and bargaining in the market
- Ordering food and paying for it in a restaurant
- Asking for and giving directions
- Discussing pastime activities and seasons
- Talking about travelling and comparing various modes of transportation

Presentational Communication

- Describing ways of preparing and cooking Thai food
- Describing places and directions
- Expressing feelings and describing sickness
- Presenting project in Thai
- Writing words, phrases, and sentences using Thai scripts

Interpretive Communication

- Recognizing and understanding of words, simple sentences, and information on familiar topics, including food, directions, travelling, and health
- Understanding short presentations in Thai
- Reading and understanding simple Thai passages

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Week 1. -- Food items, fruit; buying & selling (bargaining)

Week 2. -- Cooking Thai food; inviting/ accepting and declining invitations; eating out at a restaurant

Midterm

Week 3. -- Asking for and giving directions; description of places; pastime activities

Week 4. -- Traveling; weather and seasons; traveling; talking about feelings

Final exam and project presentation and discussion