



Course: COLL 103
Term: Fall 2015
Room: RZR 121
Class: Tues. 7:00 PM - 7:59 PM

AN INTRODUCTION TO THE VIETNAMESE LANGUAGE

INSTRUCTOR CONTACT INFORMATION

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

Students will learn the fundamentals of the Vietnamese language. The course will focus on speaking Vietnamese with reading and writing as supplementary to speaking the language. Students will learn to apply basic expressions, using vocabulary for everyday situations. Basic phonetic and grammatical concepts will be discussed from a linguistic point of view in order to more clearly grasp the language. Cultural notes and background readings will be provided to contextualize the use of the language. Eating at a Vietnamese restaurant is generally the primary interaction most people will have with the language and culture, so acquiring Vietnamese will be facilitated by a brief study of Vietnamese cuisine.

OBJECTIVES AND LEARNING OUTCOMES

1. Understand the basics of Vietnamese pronunciation and grammar.
2. Demonstrate an understanding of Vietnamese through self-introductions and conversations.
3. Apply Vietnamese in real life situations.

REQUIRED TEXTS AND MATERIALS

There are no required texts for the course; however, the following texts are suggested readings. Reading materials will be posted on Owl-Space.

- *Elementary Vietnamese*, by Binh Nhu Ngo (2013).
- *Delicious Dishes from Vietnam*, by Nguyen Thu Huong (2008).

GRADE POLICIES

This is a one credit class, satisfactory/unsatisfactory grade. 30% of the final grade is based on class attendance and participation, 20% on take-home quizzes, 10% on a presentation on a Vietnamese dish, and 20% on a Vietnamese conversation using scripts developed throughout the semester, 20% on a final.

ABSENCE POLICIES

Class attendance is crucial in a language class, and absences may affect your final grade. You are allowed 1 unexcused absence. After 1 unexcused absence, your final grade will drop by a third of a letter grade (e.g. from A to A-) for each unexcused absence. Excused absences are only permitted in the case of participation in university-sponsored activities, observance of religious holidays, or a serious or long-term illness. Please contact your instructor about excused absence before that class. All other absences are considered unexcused absences.

RICE HONOR CODE

In this course, all students will be held to the standards of the Rice Honor Code, a code that you pledged to honor when you matriculated at this institution. If you are unfamiliar with the details of this code and how it is administered, you should consult the Honor System Handbook at <http://honor.rice.edu/honor-system-handbook/>. This handbook outlines the University's expectations for the integrity of your academic work, the procedures for resolving alleged violations of those expectations, and the rights and responsibilities of students and faculty members throughout the process.

DISABILITY SUPPORT SERVICES

If you have a documented disability or other condition that may affect academic performance you should: 1) make sure this documentation is on file with Disability Support Services (Allen Center, Room 111 / adarice@rice.edu / x5841) to determine the accommodations you need; and 2) talk with me to discuss your accommodation needs.

SYLLABUS CHANGE POLICY

This syllabus is only a guide for the course and is subject to change with advanced notice.

Week	In Class	Assignments
8/25	Introduction & Greetings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introducing yourself • Pronunciation and alphabet • Nominal predicates 	-Come up with 5 things you would like to learn how to say in Vietnamese -Script: Begin introducing yourself
9/1	Getting Acquainted <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More on introducing yourself • Additional notes on pronunciation • Interrogative statements 	-Quiz #1 due next week
9/8	Addressing Others <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pronominal system • Classifiers • Attributive predicates 	-Script: add more information about yourself
9/15	Family <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kinship terms • Adjectives 	-Script: Talk about your family
9/22	Counting & Body Parts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vietnamese numerals • Telling time 	-Quiz #2 due next week
9/29	Dates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year, month, week, day • Tense markers 	-Come up with 5 things you would like to learn how to say
10/6	Useful phrases <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review grammatical concepts • Common, useful phrases • Practice and edit scripts in class 	-Present scripts in class next week
10/20	Script Presentations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Present scripts about yourself • Presentations should be 2-4 minutes in length 	-Quiz #3 due next week
10/27	In the classroom <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Possession • Prepositions 	-Look for a Vietnamese dish you would like to present on
11/3	Schoolwork <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complements • Directional verbs 	-Quiz #4 due next week
11/10	Hobbies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More on questions • Particles • Conjunctions 	-Prepare for food presentation
11/17	Sports & Entertainment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First half of food presentations • Modal verbs 	-Prepare for food presentation
11/24	Eating Out <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Second half of food presentations • Adverbs of degree 	-Quiz #5 due next week
12/1	Eating Out (cont.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review grammar and vocabulary • Prepare for final • Anything else you want to learn 	-Prepare for final
TBD	Final	