Khmer (KHMER)

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KHMER 1A Introductory Khmer 5 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2020, Fall 2019, Fall 2018
Provides a command of the basic structures of standard spoken Cambodian and tools for reading and writing elementary texts. Through use of computer-based materials, a textbook, and communicative practice, students gain a foundation in ‘survival’ spoken Khmer. This involves memorization of question and answer exchanges in Khmer which students are likely to encounter in modern Cambodia. Topics include greetings, speaking to teachers and elders and discussing language learning, talking about family and personal history, and food. Students learn the Khmer alphabet and important sight-words and to read and write simple sentences on everyday topics. Intended for non-native speakers of Khmer with no oral or aural comprehension in the language. Students will also learn important basic behaviors and courtesies necessary for smooth interaction in Khmer society and culture.

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Khmer/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.
Instructors: Smith, F.

KHMER 1B Introductory Khmer 5 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2020, Spring 2019, Spring 2018
Students complete their study of everyday standard Khmer to a ‘survival’ level. While the memorization of vocabulary and common personal exchanges practiced in 1A will make up the majority of material studied, students will have some opportunity to learn to improvise and talk about personal work and research interests in Khmer. Topics include transportation and directions, the world of work, religion, health, and conducting daily life in Cambodia. Students learn to read simple authentic texts such as folk tales, personal letters, forms, and roadside signs. Students continue their study of culturally appropriate behavior in the context of Khmer culture, including notions of ‘saving face’ and maintaining social harmony, and how these are expressed in both spoken language and in one’s actions.

Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: 1A or equivalent

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Khmer/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.
Instructors: Smith, F.

KHMER 100A Intermediate Khmer 5 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2020, Fall 2019, Fall 2018
Non-native speakers who have completed Beginning Khmer will build spoken proficiency with emphasis on everyday ‘storytelling’ and the expression of emotions, feelings, and opinions. Students will gain experience reading progressively difficult authentic Khmer texts, including folk tales and newspaper articles. Native speakers with family exposure to Khmer will be introduced to the writing system. They will quickly ‘catch up’ with non-native classmates who have studied the writing system before. All students will study important patterns and structures in Khmer grammar and morphology, and gain a foundation in formal spoken Khmer, express opinions and positions, form arguments, and learn to discuss a variety of topics with educated Khmer speakers. These include Khmer religion, village culture, news, and advertising.

Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: 1A-1B or equivalent, or home exposure to Khmer

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Khmer/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.
Instructors: Smith, F.
KHMER 100B Intermediate Khmer 5 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2020, Spring 2019, Spring 2018
Students learn to read roadside signs, scholarly articles, and an entire Khmer novel. Topics include current events in Cambodia, Cambodian history and politics, and a basic overview of traditional Khmer literature. Much of this study will be accomplished by working on projects in groups with other students. One such project will involve the preparation and performance of a play based on sections of the modern Khmer novel students read in this course. All students will design and carry out an independent research project on the topic of their choice (which will account for 30% of the final grade), and present their research at the end of the second semester to an audience of their peers, entirely in Khmer.
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Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: 100A

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Khmer/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.
Instructors: Smith, F.
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KHMER 101B Advanced Khmer 3 Units
Students will read advanced texts dealing with the topics of politics and history. They will also gain exposure to traditional verse texts, and read, discuss, and undertake group projects based on a variety of modern Khmer short stories. As in the case with Intermediate Khmer, students will also undertake substantial independent study, culminating in a final oral presentation. However, the standard by which both written and oral material will be judged will be much higher for Advanced students. Special attention will be paid to formal speaking style and advanced grammatical structures in Khmer for all students, and colloquial spoken expression for non-native speakers.
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Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: Two years of Khmer or consent of instructor
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Khmer/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.
Instructors: Smith, F.
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