Khmer (KHMER)

Courses

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KHMER 1A Introductory Khmer 5 Units
Offered through: South and Southeast Asian Studies
Terms offered: Fall 2018, Fall 2017, Fall 2016
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.

KHMER 1B Introductory Khmer 5 Units
Offered through: South and Southeast Asian Studies
Terms offered: Spring 2019, Spring 2018, Spring 2017
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.

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KHMER 100A Intermediate Khmer 5 Units
Offered through: South and Southeast Asian Studies
Terms offered: Fall 2018, Fall 2017, Fall 2016
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.

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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.

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KHMER 100B Intermediate Khmer 5 Units
Offered through: South and Southeast Asian Studies
Terms offered: Spring 2019, Spring 2018, Spring 2017
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 101A Advanced Khmer 3 Units
Offered through: South and Southeast Asian Studies
Terms offered: Fall 2018, Fall 2017, Fall 2016
This course continues the themes and goals of 100B. Students will
focus on the same broad topics covered in Intermediate Khmer--
religion, traditional culture, and the language of public information (news
and advertising)--but they will learn more advanced vocabulary and
grammatical structures necessary for the discussion of these topics with
educated native speakers, and read more advanced texts dealing with
these topics than the Intermediate students. Additional material beyond
the Intermediate curriculum includes reading and analyzing historical folk
tales, learning to discuss the rice-farming cycle, and acquiring the tools to
discuss research and "development" work in Cambodia at a sophisticated
level.

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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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KHMER 101B Advanced Khmer 3 Units
Offered through: South and Southeast Asian Studies
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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