Khmer (KHMER)

Courses

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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.

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 101A Advanced Khmer 3 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2020, Fall 2019, Fall 2018
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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