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Program: CET Vietnam: Development, Public Health, Environment

Course Title: Elementary High Vietnamese

Course Code: VL200

Total Hours: 45

Recommended Credits: 3

Suggested Cross Listings: Vietnamese Language

Language of Instruction: Vietnamese

Prerequisites/Requirements: For students with six to nine months of previous Vietnamese language

Description

This course is designed for students who have already achieved a basic foundation in Vietnamese, and aim to improve general competence in all four linguistic areas. The objectives of this course are to strengthen students' knowledge of Vietnamese grammar, sentence patterns and vocabulary, continuing to develop the foundation necessary for further language study. Emphasis is placed on expanding speaking skills – i.e., expression of more complex ideas, successful use of language appropriate to specific social situations, expanding vocabulary beyond simple day-to-day issues and practice comprises sample conversations, skits, free discussions and presentations. Reading and writing skills are also covered, and students are required to produce structured essays and read short passages for comprehension.

The course includes one hour per week of one-on-one tutorial. This session is meant to provide review and practice aimed at the student's specific needs and abilities.

Objectives

In this course, students:

- Continue to develop proficiency in oral and written Vietnamese, building a foundation for extensive later study
- Begin to encounter semi-authentic materials (Vietnamese news briefs, short passages, etc)
- Increase understanding of Vietnamese grammar, and learn to produce longer, multi-clause sentences
- Learn to describe their likes and dislikes, plans and opinions
- Acquire the language skills necessary to function in daily Vietnamese society with confidence and relative ease

Course Requirements

Class practice includes information- and opinion-gap formats as well as role plays, with communicative activities comprised of task-based partner and group work. Students are

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responsible for memorizing vocabulary and reviewing grammar patterns before class in order to reserve valuable class time for hands-on practice.

The course includes daily quizzes and homework, weekly tests, and midterm and final examinations. Students should expect to complete 1 to 2 hours of preparation work or homework for every hour spent in class. Proactive participation in class discussions and conversations is essential and required. In addition, there will be some out-of-class field trips during the term. These practicum classes take full advantage of the local environment, requiring students to practice their skills outside the walls of the classroom, yet in a structured way with the support of the language instructors. Practice places a strong emphasis on functional fluency.

Methods of Evaluation

The final grade is determined as follows:

Daily class participation	30%	- linguistic performance - participation - attendance	15%
			10%
			5%
Daily quizzes	10%		
Daily homework	10%		
Weekly quizzes	10%		
Midterm exam	15%		
Final exam	15%		
Final writing project	10%		

- Students are required to attend all the lessons provided. If there is any excuse for being absent, it must be approved by CET Academic Director, manager or supervisor. If not, the evaluation will be marked as zero in every part of that day.
- Students are also required to be punctual in every lesson. The attendance will be assessed as below:

on time	5%	(other participation is still evaluated)
10 mins late	3%	
20 mins late	0%	

During the course, students are required to write their own diary (in Vietnamese). The contents or topics will be suggested by students' language instructor based on each student's level. This final writing project will be marked at the end of the course and it values 10% of the total grade.

Primary Texts

Giao trình Tiếng Viet Cho Nguoi Nuoc Ngoai, tap 2 (VSL2), Giao Duc Publishers, 2006 (unit 1-6)

Supplementary Texts

Click Tiếng Viet tinh do A (tap 2), The Gioi Publishers, 2004
Various articles, video clips, and web sources.

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Outline of Course Content

Six hours are dedicated to each of six units in the textbook covered over the course of the term. Students have an additional three or six hours of practicum or additional instruction on select chapters and one hour of weekly one-on-one tutorial. Students achieve a working vocabulary of approximately 1000 words by the end of the course.

Lesson topics include:

- Shopping
- Health
- Phone conversations
- Travelling
- Booking a hotel
- Renting an apartment
- Profession
- Family
- Schedule