

THIRD AND FOURTH SEMESTER THAI
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HOURS: Monday through Friday 8:00 am -12:00 pm

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TEXT: Bickner, Robert, Kannikar Elbow, Patcharin Peyasantiwong,
Sidhorn Sangdhanoo and Janpanit Surasin: *Thai Reader*.

RECOMMENDED: Haas, Mary R. *Thai-English Student's Dictionary*.

OTHER MATERIALS: Various authentic materials, including magazines,
newspapers, song lyrics, movies, etc.

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course is designed to build on the skills mastered in elementary study of Thai. Vocabulary and syntax of greater complexity are introduced and topics of discussion expand, moving the student toward full participation in conversation. Work on written forms moves from reliance on deciphering to real reading.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

To improve the student's overall communication capabilities, focused around practical contexts.

By the end of the eight-week summer session, student should be able to:

1. Understand some syntactically complex utterances on a variety of topics.
2. Comprehend the main ideas of deliberate speech, simple announcements and media reports.

3. Develop pronunciation accuracy so as to be understood by native speakers unfamiliar with the speech of non-native speakers.
4. Initiate, sustain and complete simple conversations on familiar topics.
5. Read simple texts and stories with increased speed.
6. Comprehend the main ideas of written material on familiar topics and pinpoint various specific information as needed.
7. Begin to manipulate newly acquired vocabulary and structures in different contexts.
8. Write with increased richness of vocabulary and appropriate grammatical patterns.

CLASS REQUIREMENTS:

1. Class attendance is crucial. Repeated tardiness or absence will affect your grade.
2. Participation is the key to progress. Hence it is weighted heavily in the overall grade. Students are expected to participate actively in class and in assigned activities.
3. Homework and in-class assignments must be submitted on time. Late assignments will affect your grade.
4. Quizzes are given regularly.
5. Students are encouraged to use Thai at all times in the classroom.
6. Participation in joint (all levels) classes' activities are required. During the course of the summer, students will participate in various activities i.e. food preparation and outing, temple visit and cultural points discussion classes.

GRADING:

Attendance/Participation	40 %
Homework & Project Assignments	30 %
Quizzes and Exams	30 %

SEASSI is an intensive program in which each day's activities equate to a full week of academic year language study. Consistent and active participation is essential, and

elective absence is discouraged in the strongest possible terms. A day of elective absence reduces the highest possible grade that a student may earn by one level. Thus, a student who elects to be absent for one day of class can earn at most a grade of AB. A second absence reduces the highest possible grade to B, and so on.