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| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>LCA 317 and 318</b><br/><b>First and Second Semester Thai</b><br/><b>(FIRST YEAR THAI)</b></p> |
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**I. COURSE OVERVIEW:**

This class is designed for students who have no practical oral communicative ability in Thai, i.e. those who have never studied nor been exposed to the Thai language before and those who, although might know a few isolated words or expressions in Thai, cannot use the language to communicate extensively.

At the beginning students have to familiarize with the AUA transcription symbols. Thus, earlier in the semester attention is given to sound production and representation. In the second week, students will be introduced to the Thai writing and reading system. We will be using the AUA textbook for reading and writing.

At the end of the semester, it is expected that students will be able to handle some survival situations using Thai, i.e. talk about self, family and daily activities, food, making requests and telling time. We will be using the texts in the Beginning Thai Packet as a guide to stimulate students to use Thai in a given situation. We will be using communicative approach in the class and student-centered activities. The students will also have basic knowledge of the Thai writing system.

**Thai is the language of instruction: questions or concerns that require the use of English are addressed outside of class time during the teacher's office hours**

**I. LEARNING OUTCOMES:**

At the end of the semester, students are expected to be able to:

- a. Maintain basic conversation on common topics such as:
  - Giving and asking about basic personal or family information,
  - Talking about daily activities,
  - Ordering food in restaurants,
  - Dealing with simple transactions i.e. bargaining in the market,
  - Giving and asking directions;
  - Telling times and relating about schedules of daily activities
  - Telling about how one feels;
  - Cooking and talking about Thai food
- b. read simple Thai passages written in phonetic transcription with a fairly accurate pronunciation;
- c. write simple dictation of words, phrases, and sentences using the phonetic transcription;
- d. write and tell simple original stories in Thai; and
- e. master the basic Thai reading system

## II. TEXTBOOKS

**Required:** 1) Beginning Thai Textbook and Writing Workbook – will be distributed by the teacher. The students will pay for the cost of the copy.

2) AUA Language Center, Reading and Writing: Text (mostly reading) available at the University Bookstore.

3) Additional materials will be given and will be charged to students at the end of the semester.

## III. COURSE POLICIES:

- The students are expected to come to class on time. Excessive tardiness can affect your final grade.
- The students must prepare in advance for each lesson.
- Homework and assignments have to be submitted on time. There will be penalty for late homework.
- Listening to audio material online is required regularly

## V. COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

**Homework/Assignments –**

**Projects:** There will be one project due at the end of the semester.

**Quizzes**

**Final exam**

## VI. GRADING:

### Grading Scale:

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| A  | 93 - 100 |
| AB | 88 – 92  |
| B  | 80 – 87  |
| BC | 75 – 79  |
| C  | 61 – 74  |
| D  | 55 – 60  |
| F  | ≤ 54     |

### Evaluation is based on:

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| a. Participation/attendance | 20 % |
| b. Homework                 | 25 % |
| Projects                    | 15 % |
| c. Quizzes                  | 20 % |
| e. Final exam               | 20 % |

## VII. COURSE CALENDAR:

The courses will begin with the focus on verbal communication. (The reading skills in Thai will gradually be introduced and by the end of the summer students should know the whole reading system and able to go on practicing their reading in Thai)

Week 1. - Phonetic transcription, sounds of consonants and vowels and greetings

Week 2. – Places, with basic vocabulary of places and telling their locations, numbers

Week 3. – Comparison, Things around classes

Week 4. – Family

Exam

Week 5. – Occupations, Appearances, Colors

Week 6. – Occupations

Week 7. – Food and cooking

Week 8. – Food and Thai People

Exam