

Introduction to LANGUAGE AND CULTURE

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course provides basic knowledge of the Thai language to allow learners to handle basic communicative situations such as asking for and giving directions, ordering food and drinks, asking for prices and bargaining, and buying tickets. Aside from communicative proficiency, this class also provides related detailed information about Thai society and culture, allowing the learner to understand better said topics. Other topics include the importance of rice farming and ceremonies, growing rice and Buddhism in daily life.



COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES

After a successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Handle basic communicative situations such as providing basic information of oneself, greeting and necessary phrase for survival with related social etiquette for daily life in Thai context
- Use the correct names of places and follow simple directions
- · Manage food ordering with special request
- Understand the importance of rice farming and ceremonies involving growing rice and Buddhism in daily life
- Handle basic shopping and bargaining conversation

CLASS TOPICS

- Greeting, including introducing oneself and introducing a friend
- · Important phrases for survival
- · Getting around, including asking for and giving directions
- · Ordering food, including making special requests
- Shopping and bargaining

TEACHING METHODS

- Lecture
- Self-study
- · Group work and pair work
- · Cultural field trips

TEACHING MEDIA

- Sanuk Sanan Basics in Thai Language and Culture Course Book
- Power-point presentations
- Handouts
- MOOC

MEASUREMENT AND EVALUATION OF STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

- Quizzes
- Class attendance at 80% of total hours to receive a final grade









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