

THAI 103 Beginning Conversational Thai I Syllabus

Course Description

THAI 103 focus on the development of strong conversational skills and general communicative competence in Thai at both colloquial and formal levels. Students develop a strong foundation in vocabulary and structure through a structured sequence of learning. Cultural elements are integrated in a variety of communicative activities.

UHM students who are novice learners of Thai are required to take THAI 105 in conjunction with THAI 103 Beginning Conversational Thai I, as THAI 103's co-requisite course.

Student Learning Outcomes (SLO):

Upon successful completion of the course, the students will attain approximately the Novice MID level on the ACTFL (American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages) proficiency scale for Speaking and Listening.

Speaking:

- Can communicate on very familiar topics using a variety of words and phrases that have been practiced and memorized.
- Can present information about oneself and some other very familiar topics using a variety of words, phrases, and memorized expressions.
- Can ask and answer a variety of simple questions.

Listening

- Can understand a few courtesy phrases.
- Can recognize and sometimes understand words and phrases that have been learned for specific purposes.
- Can recognize and sometimes understand basic information in words and phrases that have been memorized

Course Organization

Two contact hours a week emphasizing on listening and speaking, focusing on the following:

- Usage of vocabulary and sentence patterns
- Accuracy of pronunciation
- Fluency and ease of interaction

Students are expected to preview the lesson, with use of the audio-visual E-Materials available online. Class time will focus on communicative practice.

Students are expected to come to class prepared and ready to participate actively during drill sessions. Supplementary material is treated the same as lessons.

Textbook

Thai Language and Culture for Beginners Book 1 by Yuphaphann Hoonchamlong

E-Materials

Multimedia TLCB: <http://thai.hawaii.edu/tempdownload/TLCB-Book1-Flash/>

TLCB Video clips <https://www.youtube.com/user/UHThai>

TLCB AV files <http://scholarspace.manoa.hawaii.edu/handle/10125/14555>

ANKI Flashcards for TLCB <http://thai.hawaii.edu/tempdownload/ANKI-2013-TLCB-Completed/>

Evaluation

The final grade is based on:

- Classroom participation/attendance 30 %
- Homework/assignments/WAU 30 %
- Tests 20 %
- Final exam 20 %

Grading scale:

99-100 A+	87-89 B+	77-79 C+	65-69: D+	below 60: F
93-98 A	83-86 B	73-76 C	63-64 D	
90-92 A-	80-82 B-	70-72 C-	60-62 D-	

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Week	Oral Communication
Week 1	Orientation, Technical overview; Unit 1.1 Simple courtesy expressions
Week 2	Unit 1.2- 1.3 Self Introduction; useful phrases for social interaction Numbers 1-10
Week 3	Unit 1.4 Provide/obtain information on nationality and languages
Week 4	Unit 2.1 Provide and obtain personal descriptions, comparison; Number 20-100- 1000
Week 5	Unit 2.2 Provide and obtain personal information on living arrangement, address, telephone number etc.; Number 10,000 100,000 1,000,000
Week 6	Unit 2.3 Provide and obtain information on kinship terms and marital status; (units 2.3-

Week 7	Unit 2.4 Provide and obtain information on professions
Week 8	Unit 3.1 Talk about quantity and make a simple purchase transaction, some common fruit and snack
Week 9	Unit 3.2 Provide & obtain information of personal needs and want; express preference, like& dislike
Week 10	Unit 3.3 Make request, make simple food order
Week 11	Unit 3.4 Make simple food order for a group and pay for food in a restaurant. Offer and decline treats.
Week 12	Unit 4.1 Talk about time and day of the week;
Week 13	Unit 4.2 Talk about time in terms of segments of the days, daily routine, make appointment, invite someone for an activity
Week 14	Unit 4.3 state relative time in terms of day/week, duration of time, make/negotiate appointment,
Week 15	Unit 4.4 Month's name; talk about dates, seasons and weather, comparison, degree
Week 16	Overflow/ Review/Final Oral presentation