Hindi 202

Schedule: Tuesday, Thursday 9.00 – 10:20 a.m.  
+ assignments and meetings with Lavina  
Location: Moore 118  

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Course Description

Student Learning Objectives:

At the end of the semester students should be able to

- Engage in sustained conversations about everyday topics discussed in class (see in course-content).
- Listen to and understand conversations or narrations about everyday topics covered in class.
- Read and write short essays in Devanagari using grammar structures and vocabulary introduced in class.

Teaching and learning strategies:

- The course is designed as a balance of all five language skills: speaking, listening comprehension, reading, writing, and culture. Additionally, though, it is a writing intensive course.
- Class activities and tests are designed, molded, and scheduled in accordance with students’ increasing familiarity with Hindi language as we progress through the course.
- The instructor leads the students through the segments, its grammar, and content and accordingly assigns tasks.
- A variety of practice activities and language tasks, ranging from mechanical, meaningful, communicative, to creative, are used in class, such as grammar exercises, pronunciation practice, question-answers, listening comprehension, songs, role-playing, and writing and performing small conversations among friends.
- It is highly recommended that students attend the class everyday and engage in class activities and put efforts in their assignments. Language acquisition happens slowly and steadily and requires regular practice and repetition.
- If students miss any classes, it is their responsibility to find out what they missed from their fellow students and update their notes.
- Class activities and homework are given on a regular basis as weekend assignments and include small writing tasks, web work etc.

Tests, Exams and Grades:

- All tests, exams, and assignments are designed in accordance with class activities;
- Actual date of the tests will be set one and a half weeks in advance in class;
- In-class review and practice will be provided to prepare students for the test or performance.
- Homework will be announced in class.
- The weeks are counted as teaching weeks, not including holidays and breaks.
- The instructor reserves the right to modify the schedule according to the progress of the course content and students' familiarity with it.
| Weekly take-home writing assignments | 30.00% | 15 one page assignments in total, given each week on that week's topic. |
| Class presentations | 10.00% | On Travel and Tourism. |
| Travel and Tourism papers | 20.00% | Several drafts counted. |
| Oral proficiency | 10.00% | Assessed on an ongoing basis and oral exams. |
| Midterm | 10.00% | Based on first three segments. |
| Final | 20.00% | Comprehensive. Review will be provided. |

All tests and assessments are graded on a percentage basis. The correlation of the percentage with the letter grade is the following:

| 98-100 = A+ | 94-97 = A | 91-93 = A- |
| 88-90 = B+ | 84-87 = B | 81-83 = B- |
| 78-80 = C+ | 74-77 = C | 71-73 = C- |
| 68-70 = D+ | 64-67 = D | 61-63 = D- |

Textbooks and suggested material:

You can consult books, such as Teach Yourself Hindi (Rupert Snell, Simon Weightman), Colloquial Hindi: The Complete Course for Beginners (Tej Bhatia), or Hindi: A Complete Course for Beginners (Sunil Kumar Bhatt). These books come with CDs, which contain audio material that goes with the textual material in the books. They are available at www.amazon.com. Handouts and class notes uploaded onaulima will also be used as course material.

Dictionaries and Useful Links:

There are several good dictionaries available, such as the Oxford Hindi-English, English-Hindi dictionaries. In addition, you might also want to explore

http://www.shabdkosh.com/

Students with Disabilities:

Any student who feels he or she may need an accommodation based on the impact of a disability should contact the instructor, so that his/her needs can be addressed officially.