

# Elementary Khmer CAM101 (4 credits)

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**Meeting** with Sak-Humphry: Monday to Friday for 4 hours/week. See exact schedule.  
Meeting with Khmer TA: (depend upon availability) 1-2 hours/week (individually or group).  
Office Hour: 12 noon to 1:00 PM (M-F). Spalding Hall, Room 451.  
Specific Time for Appointment: send request to sak@hawaii.edu.

This is the course syllabus for CAM 101 class. In addition to the course's evaluation requirement, I will conduct an OPI test and an assessment test (pre & post test) to create student's portfolio for learning Khmer at UHM.

## 1 Course Objectives

- To introduce students to Khmer language and culture as seen in the daily life of people in Cambodia.
- To help students attain proficiency in all 4 skills: listening, speaking, reading and writing Khmer script at first year level.

## 2 Learning Outcome

Students will be able to communicate and carry their simple tasks while interacting with native speakers.

- Can use the language in face-to-face interaction to satisfy immediate personal needs.
- Use rehearsed (learned) phrases to communicate.
- Able to ask questions or make statements with memorized learned phrases or forms.
- Able to create a short speech for communication based on learned and memorized phrases.
- Demonstrate little real autonomy of expression, flexibility, or spontaneity.
- Able to comprehend a number of memorized phrases in areas of immediate needs.
- Understand with reasonable accuracy only when involves short memorized learned phrases.
- Can follow relatively short speeches or basic conversation.
- Can ask and answer questions on very familiar topics; within the scope of very
- Have a speaking vocabulary which is inadequate to express anything but the most elementary needs; makes frequent errors in pronunciation and grammar, but can be

- understood by a native speaker used to dealing with foreigners attempting to speak the language.
- Will be able occasionally to identify isolated words and/or major phrases when strongly supported by context.
  - Should be able: to ask information about family, friend; to order a simple meal; ask for shelter or lodging; to request or give simple directions; to bargain and make simple purchases; to tell time and date; and to make an appointment with teacher, doctor, friend, employer for jobs (based on memorized learned phrases).
  - Able to sing 3-4 memorized Khmer simple songs.
  - Will also learn correct pronunciation with emphasis given to various aspects of Khmer phonology that greatly differ from students' native languages such as diphthongs and aspirated/unaspirated vowels and consonants.
  - Able to read and write Khmer consonants, vowels, punctuation symbols, independent vowels, subscripts, simple words and simple sentences.
  - Will be able to read and write simple words and simple sentences related to the familiar content.

### **3 Syllabus (Themes of Conversation/Reading/Writing)**

- Greetings
  - Self-Introduction
  - Getting Acquainted
  - Family /Terms of Address
- At School
  - Date, Time, Year, Number, Color
  - In the Classroom.
- At the Market
  - Go Shopping (Buying food)
  - Shopping for presents, or souvenirs
  - Buy Clothes/School Supplies & Food
- At Home/Hotel
  - House layout
  - Renting an Apartment
  - Getting a hotel room
  - Make an ad to rent an apartment
- Vocations
  - Working at NGO's office
  - Professor, doctor, lawyer, businessman/woman, farmers, etc...
  - Job placement/Looking for job
- Food
  - Eating out at a restaurant
  - Food preparation
  - Oder food
- Weather
  - Seasons
  - Broadcasting weather of the week
- Traveling

- Various mode of transportations
- Travel in the country
- Travel by boat/plane
- Tourism and sightseeing

#### 4 Textbooks

**Required Textbook:**

- Sak-Humphry (2005). *Communicating in Khmer reading and Writing for Beginners*.

**Optional Textbooks:**

- Franklin E. Huffman, *Modern Spoken Cambodian* (1970), and *Cambodian System of Writing and Beginning Reader* (1970).
- Smyth, David (1995). *Colloquial Cambodian*. London, New York: Rutledge.
- Jacob, Judith (1968, and 1996). *Introduction to Cambodian*.

#### 5 Audio-Visual-Computer Works

**Required CD-ROM:**

- Sak-Humphry (2005). *Communicating in Khmer reading and Writing for Beginners*- Interactive CD-ROM.
- Computer writing activities with Khmer fonts.
- How to type Khmer Unicode, download font software; electronic Khmer Dictionary <http://khmer.hawaii.edu/Links.html>

**Optional CD-ROM:**

- Huffman’s tapes (go with his textbook). Free download from FSI’s link (contact me).
- Smyth, David ‘CD-ROM (goes with his textbook).
- Some tasks require surfing the web. (For social, cultural and political information).
- Khmer music and songs download or listening from Khmer Language Program server at [khmer.hawaii.edu/cam101](http://khmer.hawaii.edu/cam101) (need password)
- Movie clips and documentary films will be assigned to watch in class or individually via [khmer.hawaii.edu/cam101](http://khmer.hawaii.edu/cam101) (need password)

#### 6 Testing and Evaluation

- Every class session, students will have a quick check on their oral or written skills.
- Homework must turn in when assigned.
- Requirement for letter grade:
 

-Class attendance, Participation and Homework (end of each week - performances on communicative task-activities)	40%
-3 Quizzes	30%
-3 Tests	30%
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