

## Thai 101 Beginning Thai Syllabus

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### 1. Course Description

Thai 101 emphasizes reading, writing, listening and speaking modern standard Thai. Structural points are introduced inductively. In lieu of language lab, students are required to practice reading, writing, and listening via WAU.

Regular attendance is crucial. Unauthorized absence of 5 classes will result in lowering of one letter grade. Tardiness exceeding 10 minutes without reasons will be treated as absence. Students must be well-prepared for classroom activities.

Students should visit the main web page of UH Thai Language Program for useful information related to fellowships, study abroad, etc. <http://www.hawaii.edu/thai/>  
The web site [www.hawaii.edu/thai/tech.htm](http://www.hawaii.edu/thai/tech.htm) is essential for Thai language IT resources: links to Thai fonts, online Thai-Eng/Eng-Thai dictionaries, etc.

### Objectives

At the end of the semester, students should be able to:

- Carry on a simple conversation in Thai using words and structural patterns learned in Beginning Thai, and appropriate language introduced in class.
- Read most material in Thai script with correct pronunciation.
- Write words, phrases, and paragraphs using the Thai writing system.

### 2. Texts

#### Required:

- **Thai Language and Culture for Beginners** by Yuphaphann Hoonchamlong
- **AUA Language Center Thai Course Reading and Writing-Mostly Reading**
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**Recommended as reference: Thai-English Student's Dictionary** by Mary Haas, Stanford University Press, from Amazon.com or accessed via Thai Program web site

### 3. Structure of the course

- Three contact hours a week emphasizing on listening and speaking, and two contact hours emphasizing on reading and writing Thai scripts (See syllabus for R&W module).
- Students are expected to access WAU for additional work on reading, writing and listening daily. Time spent on activities will be monitored and credited.
- Students will participate actively during drill sessions.
- Supplementary material is treated the same as lessons.

#### 4. Course content

##### Conversation

1. Usage of vocabulary and sentence patterns
2. Accuracy of pronunciation
3. Fluency and ease of interaction

##### Reading

1. Thai writing system
2. Vocabulary
3. Comprehension

##### Writing

1. Dictation
2. Paragraph writing
3. Translation

#### 5. Evaluation

The final grade is based on:

- Classroom participation/attendance 30%
- Homework/assignments 25%
- WAU 15%
- Tests 15%
- Final exam 15%
- **Incompletes** must be requested and terms for completing the course must be agreed upon **before the last class meeting**. Failure to comply with this policy will result in a grade being assigned based on the work completed.

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-	

Week	Content
1	Orientation, self introduction, question particles, numbers
2	Question words, nationality, languages, numbers
3	Question words, possessive, numbers
4	Question tag, numbers
5	Question words (What do you do? When? Where?)
6	Question words (What do you call ... in Thai?)
7	Location (Where is...?)
8	Ability and possibility, request (Can you...?; Can you please...?)
9	Likes and dislikes
10	Living arrangement, address, phone numbers
11	Kinship
12	Occupation
13	Ordering food
14	Time and date
15	Days and months
16	Review

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**1. Objectives**

This module focuses on developing Thai script reading and writing skills. The students will be systematically introduced to the Thai writing system, the tone rules and relevant reading strategies.

Upon successful completion of the module, the students will

- understand the basic Thai reading and writing system.
- know how to identify syllables and words in Thai script.
- read simple (i.e. non-Indic loan) Thai words and sentences written in Thai script, with correct pronunciation.
- write simple Thai words and sentences in Thai script, with correct spelling.
- write simple dictation of words, phrases and sentences using the Thai writing system.

**Students are required to practice on the online module and WAU.**

**2. Texts/Materials**

- 1) AUA Language Center Thai Course Reading and Writing: Mostly Reading
- 2) AUA Language Center Thai Course Reading and Writing: Mostly Writing (Workbook)
- 3) Online Reading Thai Script Module, currently available at:  
<http://thai.hawaii.edu/thai107/>
- 4) Thai 101- RW Lab work (Thai 101 Section 2) on WAU:  
<http://mcl.iii.hawaii.edu/wau/>

Password: thai101wau

Week	Content
1	AUA Unit 1-4 The seven sonorants, vowels /a/, /aa/
2	AUA Unit 5-8 The seven plain stops, live syllables, dead syllables
3	AUA Unit 9-12 The seven low aspirates, vowels /ɔɔ/ /εε/ /ii/ /uu/
4	AUA Unit 13-16 The seven high aspirates, the seven high sonorants, vowels /e/ /ee/ /o/ /oo/
5	AUA Unit 17-20 Meaningful text, tone mark 1
6	AUA Unit 21-24 Double initial consonants, vowels /ia/ and /ua/
7	AUA Unit 25-28 Tone mark 2, vowels /ɛ/ /ɛɛ/ /ua/ /ee/
8	AUA Unit 29-32 Weak syllables, syllable boundaries, special tones
9	AUA Unit 33-36 The seven common irregulars, irregular finals, silent finals
10	AUA Unit 37-40 review, alphabetical ordering
11	AUA Unit 41-44 The seven rare irregulars, irregular tones
12	AUA Unit 45-48 irregular /a/'s, irregular /r/'s
13	AUA Unit 49-52 silent letters, unwritten vowels,
14	AUA Unit 53-56 Thai numerals, suppressed finals, meaningful text

15	AUA Unit 57-60 review of irregularities, reading selections
16	Review

**3. Evaluation**

Evaluation is based on class participation, assignments, weekly quizzes and exams.

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| 1. class participation/attendance      | 20% |
| 2. homework/assignments/ labwork (WAU) | 20% |
| 3. tests (weekly dictation) & midterm  | 40% |
| 4. final exam                          | 20% |

\*\*\*\*Attendance, active class participation and daily practice is essential to skill learning, which is what learning a foreign language is. Class attendance will be recorded.

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