

Upon arrival, a student should take a placement test to determine his/her proper class. The Vietnamese language program focuses on:

+ Vietnamese Language as a Communicative Language

• Vietnamese Phonetics and Pronunciation

• Vocabulary

• Vietnamese Grammar

• Communication skills:

* Conversation

* Writing (informal and formal)

* Listening Comprehension (in daily situations, radio and television)

* Reading (newspapers and formal documents)

“ Vietnamese culture

+ Vietnamese Language as an Instrumental Language

“ Vietnamese for scientific research

“ Vietnamese for education (for example Geography and History)

“ Vietnamese for business, tourism

According to the requirements of students, courses are categorized into regular courses and intensive courses.

Regular Courses

Regular courses begin every two weeks after placement tests except July when the University is closed for summer vacation.

Regular courses are scheduled for five days per week, with two periods per day. When following this course schedule, a student will complete approximately 40 periods per month.

The General Vietnamese Language program offers 12 courses of grouped into 6 levels. Each course covers 80 periods.

1. 1. Elementary Courses (E1 & E2): Beginning with the Vietnamese alphabet and

phonetics, these courses place an emphasis on pronunciation, basic grammatical structures and vocabulary items, as well as basic conversational skills.

2. 2. Upper Elementary Courses (E3 & E4): Vocabulary items are concentrated on daily topics; grammar refers to basic points. These courses aim to prepare the student for simple everyday communication in speaking and listening.

3. 3. Lower Intermediate Courses (I1 & I2): These courses put an emphasis on staging dialogues for various conversational purposes including: descriptions, narratives, instructional dialogues and the expression of personal opinions. The sentence structures are developed systematically and progressively.

4. 4. Intermediate Courses (I3 & I4): These courses introduce some important points of modern Vietnamese grammar used in simple work-related writing.

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focus on expressions and explanations in Vietnamese. Students will practice listening and speaking skills using vocabulary items for both non-specialist and professional fields.

5. 5. Advanced Courses (A1 & A2): These courses put stress on communicating in a wide range of subjects to develop an ability to understand Vietnamese native speakers.

6. 6. Upper Advanced Courses (A3 & A4): Focus on extensive and comprehensive reading, as well as expository writing, so that the students can be prepared to attend college (or graduate school) in Vietnam.

Intensive courses:

Those who need intensive courses may study four hours per day. They will complete 20 periods per week. This course should be reserved for students who are otherwise unoccupied and thus able to prepare for the lessons and complete all homework assignments. The intensive courses are

offered according to the Faculty's schedule, as follows:

Fall term (September till January)

Program

Saturday, 05 January 2013 09:00

Spring term (February till June)

Summer session (June till Mid-August).

In addition, there are other courses for specific purposes such as Vietnamese for businesspersons, researchers, tourists, etc.