

# Khmer

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## **KHMER 1A Introductory Khmer 5 Units**

**Department:** Khmer

**Course level:** Undergraduate

**Terms course may be offered:** Fall and spring

**Grading:** Letter grade.

**Hours and format:** 5 hours of Lecture per week for 15 weeks.

Provides a command of the basic structures of standard spoken Cambodian and tools for reading and writing elementary texts. Through use of computer-based materials, a textbook, and communicative practice, students gain a foundation in "survival" spoken Khmer. This involves memorization of question and answer exchanges in Khmer which students are likely to encounter in modern Cambodia. Topics include greetings, speaking to teachers and elders and discussing language learning, talking about family and personal history, and food. Students learn the Khmer alphabet and important sight-words and to read and write simple sentences on everyday topics. Intended for non-native speakers of Khmer with no oral or aural comprehension in the language. Students will also learn important basic behaviors and courtesies necessary for smooth interaction in Khmer society and culture.

Instructors: Smith, F.

## **KHMER 1B Introductory Khmer 5 Units**

**Department:** Khmer

**Course level:** Undergraduate

**Terms course may be offered:** Fall and spring

**Grading:** Letter grade.

**Hours and format:** 5 hours of Lecture per week for 15 weeks.

**Prerequisites:** 1A or equivalent.

Students complete their study of everyday standard Khmer to a "survival" level. While the memorization of vocabulary and common personal exchanges practiced in 1A will make up the majority of material studied, students will have some opportunity to learn to improvise and talk about personal work and research interests in Khmer. Topics include transportation and directions, the world of work, religion, health, and conducting daily life in Cambodia. Students learn to read simple authentic texts such as folk tales, personal letters, forms, and roadside signs. Students continue their study of culturally appropriate behavior in the context of Khmer culture, including notions of "saving face" and maintaining social harmony, and how these are expressed in both spoken language and in one's actions.

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## **KHMER 100A Intermediate Khmer 5 Units**

**Department:** Khmer

**Course level:** Undergraduate

**Terms course may be offered:** Fall and spring

**Grading:** Letter grade.

**Hours and format:** 5 hours of Lecture per week for 15 weeks.

**Prerequisites:** 1A-1B or equivalent, or home exposure to Khmer.

Non-native speakers who have completed Beginning Khmer will build spoken proficiency with emphasis on everyday "storytelling" and the expression of emotions, feelings, and opinions. Students will gain experience reading progressively difficult authentic Khmer texts, including folk tales and newspaper articles. Native speakers with family exposure to Khmer will be introduced to the writing system. They will quickly "catch up" with non-native classmates who have studied the writing system before. All students will study important patterns and structures in Khmer grammar and morphology, and gain a foundation in formal spoken Khmer, express opinions and positions, form arguments, and learn to discuss a variety of topics with educated Khmer speakers. These include Khmer religion, village culture, news, and advertising.

Instructors: Smith, F.

## **KHMER 100B Intermediate Khmer 5 Units**

**Department:** Khmer

**Course level:** Undergraduate

**Terms course may be offered:** Fall and spring