



## VIETNAM CENTER

### **Elementary Vietnamese**

VIET 101 / 3 Credit Hours

Offered Fall and Spring Semesters

Instructor: Quan Truc Le

#### Meeting Time & Location

Monday, Wednesday: 8 AM to 9:30 AM

HCMC University of Technology

#### Course Description

This beginning course (elementary level) introduces students to fundamental bases of Vietnamese language and strives to develop 4 essential skills, with an emphasis on the speaking and listening parts through communicative approaches. Students will be able to communicate at the beginning level and will be able to use proper greetings, and speak about nationality, professions, addresses, and other essential personal information. The course also will prepare students to use the language's tonal system.

The course will meet 2 times per week for 1.5 hours. There will be a total of 30 instruction hours. Instruction will be based on the course book *Vietnamese for Foreigners 1*, composed by the group of lecturers in the Department of Linguistics and Vietnamese Literature, HCMC University of Education.

Each class period will be divided into two sections: one that focuses on alphabet and pronunciation; one that focuses on grammar, vocabulary and conversation. Students are also strongly encouraged to practice with their Vietnamese roommates and while participating in daily life in Ho Chi Minh City. The course is designed to facilitate such practical applications.

Students are expected to achieve the following learning outcomes:

- To demonstrate familiarity with the Vietnamese alphabet
- To use correct basics Vietnamese grammar in oral and written expression;
- To learn the basics of Vietnamese pronunciation;
- To demonstrate knowledge of a vocabulary appropriate for the elementary level;
- To gain the capacity to participate in social daily conversation;
- To gain the capacity to listen and understand people in daily social situations;
- To gain the capacity read and write simple texts such as short messages, etc.;
- To demonstrate basic understanding of Vietnamese cultural interactions.

Course books

Du Ngoc Ngan et al. (2012). *Vietnamese for Foreigners 1*. HCMC: University of Education.

Students Assessment

Active daily participation is required of all students. Competency and final grades will be determined by the following:

Participation-----	10%
Quizzes-----	10%
Midterm Exam-----	35%
Final Exam-----	45%