

**San José State University**  
**College of Humanities and Arts**  
**Department of World Languages and Literatures**  
**Course # 40353, Viet 1A, Section 1, Fall 2018**

**Course and Contact Information**

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<b>Classroom:</b>	CL 206

**Course Description**

This course will provide beginning Vietnamese to speakers of other languages. Participants will learn to speak, read, write, and understand everyday idiomatic expressions in the context of culture.

**Course Learning Outcomes (CLO)**

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Read and clearly pronounce the 12 Vietnamese vowels and their various combinations.
- Read and write Vietnamese, demonstrate basic control of simple and complex sentence structures, distinguish informal and formal styles, connect sentences into paragraphs.
- Appreciate various aspects of Vietnamese culture and society as well as Vietnamese history.

**Required Texts/Readings and Dictionaries**

**Textbook (Optional)**

Tieng Viet, Introduction to Vietnamese Language and Culture, 3<sup>rd</sup> edition, by Do Thi Minh Hong, ISBN 0971696616.

**Other Readings**

CD & Workbook to accompany the textbook "Tiếng Việt", ISBN 9780971696624.  
Vietnamese Language newspapers and periodicals.

**Online dictionary:** <https://vdict.com/>

## **Course Requirements and Assignments**

Classes will consist of lecture, teacher/student and student/student interaction, in-class exercises, and audio/oral activities. The topics to be covered are listed on the attached "Course Schedule".

University's Credit Hour Requirement:

“Success in this course is based on the expectation that students will spend, for each unit of credit, a minimum of 45 hours over the length of the course (normally 3 hours per unit per week with 1 of the hours used for lecture) for instruction or preparation/studying or course related activities including but not limited to internships, labs, clinical practica. Other course structures will have equivalent workload expectations as described in the syllabus.”

## **HOMEWORK**

Students are expected to complete all assignments and be prepared for class. Review of materials covered in class may require two hours or more of homework every week. Oral homework will be emailed to students weekly. **Please provide a valid email address.** Written homework is assigned from the textbook and handouts. Homework should be typewritten, using the Vietnamese font which could be downloaded at: <http://unikey.org/>. **50% will be deducted for late homework.**

## **QUIZZES/EXAMS**

2 quizzes, 1 midterm and a final exam are scheduled. A study guide will be provided before each exam. Makeup exams will only be given to students with a written medical excuse. **There is NO makeup for quizzes.**

The mid-term & final exam consist of four parts:

- 1) Writing under dictation: to assess students' mastery of the accents and the phonetic values of Vietnamese vowels and consonants.
- (2) Reading comprehension: to measure students' knowledge of the vocabulary on topics taught in class.
- (3) Writing on a familiar topic: to assess students' knowledge of vocabulary and grammar, the correctness of their spelling and their creativity.
- (4) Individual oral assessment: to assess students' comprehension of oral language, their Vietnamese enunciation, grammatical correctness, and oral fluency.

## **GROUP PRESENTATION/PARTICIPATION**

Specific information on the content and method of the group presentation will be provided during the semester. Contribution to all in-class activities including oral assignments and group work are key indicators of course participation. **Therefore, class attendance is an essential component for succeeding and receiving a good grade.** In the case of an unavoidable absence, the student is responsible for obtaining homework assignments

and handouts of previous meetings from a classmate. DO NOT email the instructor for missing handouts or lessons.

## Grading Information

### Determination of Grades

1. Homework	20%
2. In class active participation & group presentation	15%
3. In class quizzes	20%
4. Mid-term exam	20%
5. Final exam	25%

A+ 100 - 97	C+ 79 - 77
A 96 - 93	C 76 - 73
A- 92 - 90	C- 72 - 70
B+ 89 - 87	D+ 69 - 67
B 86 - 83	D 66 - 63
B- 82 - 80	D- 62 - 60

### Classroom Protocol

Courtesy towards fellow students is expected at all times.

### University Policies

Per University Policy S16-9, university-wide policy information relevant to all courses, such as academic integrity, accommodations, etc. will be available on Office of Graduate and Undergraduate Programs' [Syllabus Information web page](http://www.sjsu.edu/gup/syllabusinfo/) at <http://www.sjsu.edu/gup/syllabusinfo/>

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### Course Schedule (Subject to change with fair notice)

Week	Date	Topics, Readings, Assignments, Deadlines
1	8/21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Getting acquainted and clarification of requirements</li> <li>Placement tests</li> <li>History and characteristics of the Vietnamese language</li> <li>Comparison between Vietnamese and English alphabets and phonetics</li> </ul>
2	8/28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Alphabet &amp; Basic sentence structure</li> <li>Phonics: Four vowels: a, i (y), e, ê with the 6 tones</li> <li>Conversation: Common phrases</li> <li>Grammar: Affirmative, negative, yes-no questions (p.16)</li> </ul>

Week	Date	Topics, Readings, Assignments, Deadlines
3	9/4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Phonics: Three vowels: <i>o, ô, ơ</i>, with the 6 tones</li> <li>Grammar: Classifiers</li> <li>The BE-verbs and the tenses (p.18-20)</li> </ul>
4	9/11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Phonics: Two vowels <i>u, ư</i> with the 6 tones</li> <li>Greetings (unit 2)</li> <li>Grammar: Vietnamese pronouns and possessive form (p. 32-33)</li> </ul>
5	9/18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Phonics: Review all vowels</li> <li>Culture: Mid-Autumn Festival - Tết Trung Thu (9/24)</li> <li><b>QUIZ 1</b></li> </ul>
6	9/25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Phonics: Variations in consonant: the soft <i>d</i> and the crossed <i>đ</i></li> <li>Combination of consonant and vowel, consonant and consonant: <i>gi</i> and <i>tr</i></li> <li>Greetings (Unit 2)</li> <li>Grammar: “Who, Which, What” questions (p.34-35)</li> </ul>
7	10/2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Phonics: Combinations of consonants with <i>h</i>: <i>ch, gh, kh, nh, ph</i>, in initial positions</li> <li>Numbers and time (Unit 3)</li> <li>Grammar: “How much, How many” questions (p.53)</li> </ul>
8	10/9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Phonics: Two vowels: <i>ã, â</i>, with the 6 tones</li> <li>Review of all the variations in vowels with the tones</li> <li>Grammar: Numbers and time (Unit 3)</li> <li>Vietnamese Calendar</li> <li><b>REVIEW FOR MIDTERM</b></li> </ul>
9	10/16	<b>MIDTERM</b>
10	10/23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Phonics: Combinations of consonants <i>ng, ngh</i>, in initial positions</li> <li>Days &amp; months (unit 4)</li> <li>Grammar: “When, Where, Why” questions and answers (p. 67)</li> </ul>
11	10/30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Phonics: Review all vowels</li> <li>Days &amp; months, weather (unit 4)</li> <li>Grammar: Preposition (p. 69)</li> </ul>
12	11/6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Phonics: Review all consonant clusters</li> <li>Food (unit 7)</li> <li>Grammar: Preposition &amp; time clause (p.110-111)</li> <li><b>QUIZ 2</b></li> </ul>
13	11/13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Phonics: Review all vowels &amp; consonant clusters</li> <li>Food (unit 7)</li> </ul>

<b>Week</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Topics, Readings, Assignments, Deadlines</b>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grammar: Combined quantifiers (p.112)</li> </ul>
14	11/20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Phonics: Review all vowels &amp; consonant clusters</li> <li>• Geography and Travel to Viet Nam (p.231, 236-238)</li> </ul>
15	11/27	<b>GROUP PRESENTATIONS</b>
16	12/4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review: reading, writing and oral exchanges</li> <li>• <b>REVIEW FOR FINAL EXAM</b></li> </ul>
<b>Final Exam</b>		<p style="text-align: center;"><b>MONDAY DECEMBER 17 @ 14:45-17:00</b> <b>ROOM: CL 206</b></p>