



COURSE SYLLABUS: ELEMENTARY VIETNAMESE (PRE-A1)

Course Code: VSL101

Course Title: Introduction to Vietnamese Language

Credit Points: Equivalent to 06 Credit Points (Standard Australian Load)

Total Contact Hours: 84, including 60 classroom hours, 12 workshop hours, and 12 fieldtrip hours.

1. COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is designed for beginners with no prior knowledge of Vietnamese. It focuses on developing basic communicative competence in everyday situations. Students will engage with the Vietnamese language through an integrated approach of classroom learning, hands-on cultural workshops, and immersive field trips, fostering both linguistic skills and intercultural intelligence.

2. LEARNING OUTCOMES (CLOs)

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

1. CLO1: Recognize and produce the Vietnamese sound system (tones, vowels, and consonants) at a basic level.
2. CLO2: Conduct simple daily conversations (greetings, ordering food, shopping, asking for directions).
3. CLO3: Demonstrate basic cultural etiquette and understanding of Vietnamese social norms.
4. CLO4: Work collaboratively in teams to present findings on Vietnamese cultural or linguistic topics.

3. COURSE SCHEDULE

Week	Component	Topic	Key Language Function
1	Classroom	Hello Vietnam! Who am I?	Mastering the Vietnamese alphabet and the six tones system; Greeting and saying goodbye; Introducing personal information.
	Workshop 1	Vietnamese traditional costume	Naming colors
	Fieldtrip 1	City tour	Practicing formal and informal greetings with locals

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2	Classroom	Time & Daily Life	Telling the time; Naming days of the week, months; Describing daily routines using common action verbs.
	Workshop 2	Vietnamese calligraphy	Following step-by-step instructions; using action verbs
	Fieldtrip 2	Cu Chi tunnel	Asking and telling dates/years
3	Classroom	Family & Relationships Getting Around	Describing family members; Giving directions.
	Workshop 3	Cooking class	Naming ingredients; describing a simple process
	Fieldtrip 3	Mekong delta	Naming local transport; Using directional verbs
4	Classroom	Health & Hobbies	Identifying basic body parts and common health conditions; Discussing personal interests and leisure activities.
	Workshop 4	Non-la decoration	Identifying Arts & Crafts Materials

4. ASSESSMENT SCHEME

Assessment Task	Weight	CLOs Linked	Description
Attendance & Participation	20%	CLO3	Evaluates active engagement in 60 class hours of Vietnamese, 4 workshops, and 3 field trips.
Midterm Test	30%	CLO1, CLO2	Individual written test covering basic Grammar, Vocabulary, and Listening skills (Topics from Weeks 1-2).
Final Exam	50%	CLO1, CLO2, CLO3, CLO4	A comprehensive evaluation consisting of: - Part A: Individual Exam (30%): Including a written paper and a 1-on-1 speaking interview. - Part B: Group Presentation (20%): A 10-minute team presentation on a cultural topic.
Total	100%		

5. LEARNING RESOURCES

- *Textbook*: VSL - Vietnamese as a Second Language (Pre-A1 Edition; compiled and provided by Ton Duc Thang University).
- *Equipment*: Cooking kits, craft materials (provided during workshops).

6. STUDENT REQUIREMENTS & POLICIES

✓ Attendance & Participation

- *Attendance*: Students are expected to attend 100% of all scheduled sessions, including 60 classroom hours, 3 workshops, and 4 field trips. A minimum attendance of 80% is mandatory to be eligible for the Final Examination.
- *Active Engagement*: Students are required to participate actively in all class discussions, group activities, and experiential learning tasks at workshops and field sites.

✓ Academic Integrity

- *Plagiarism & Misconduct*: Students must adhere to the strict academic integrity policies of TDTU. Any form of cheating, fabrication, or plagiarism in assessments (including the Group Presentation) will result in disciplinary action.

✓ Classroom Etiquette

To maintain a professional and focused learning environment, the following policies apply:

- *Mobile Phones*: Must be switched to silent mode and kept out of sight, unless specifically required for a class activity (e.g., vocabulary research or photography during field trips).
- *Digital Distractions*: Private internet browsing, social media, and checking emails during class hours are not permitted.
- *Food & Drinks*: Only bottled water is allowed inside the classroom. Please consume food and other beverages during scheduled breaks.