

SUNY BROCKPORT VIETNAM PROGRAM  
**LANGUAGE COURSE**

For students, this course provides an understanding of the Vietnamese language. American students will be challenged and attracted by the melody of the Vietnamese language. Vietnamese is a monosyllabic language that is based on tones. It is very different from most languages that you are familiar with in America. You will be charmed as you experience the inner beauty of the Vietnamese people through learning their language. This course also provides a very good opportunity for students to interact with the local people in a constructive manner in building bridges of the two countries.

This is a three-credit semester course that meets for four hours in class each week. Students can practice their language skills with staff and their clients at their service settings. Course credit is awarded by SUNY Brockport.

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**COURSE OBJECTIVES:**

The students are expected to:

1. Engage in communication with local people in their daily contacts with some simple phrases
2. Better their services at community service settings
3. Understand the Vietnamese culture

Assignments and Grading:

Appropriate texts and learning materials will be provided.

Quiz: Students must be ready for quizzes

Mid-term exam: This is scheduled during the mid-term week. It will be both an oral presentation and a writing paper.

Final exam: This will be a comprehensive examination offered during exam week. It will be both an oral presentation and a quiz.

The students will be graded on an "A" (Excellent) to "E" (Not acceptable or very poor) scale.

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| A | Excellent |
| B | Very Good |
| C | Good      |
| D | Poor      |
| E | Very poor |

Class participation: This includes attendance, active involvement in class discussion and activities.

**WEEK ONE:**

Objectives:

The students are expected to:

1. Read the Vietnamese alphabetical system
2. Greet people (how to use personal pronouns)
3. Use cardinal numbers from 1 to 100

**WEEK TWO:**

Objectives:

The students are expected to:

1. Introduce themselves

**WEEK THREE**

Objectives:

The students are expected to:

1. Communicate with people when shopping
2. Memorize popular Vietnamese dishes and drinks
3. Use cardinal numbers when paying bills

**WEEK FOUR**

Objectives:

The students are expected to:

1. Grasp the Vietnamese basic structures
2. Learn how to use specific verbs to express emotions (ex: like, dislike, etc..)
3. Learn how to use negative and interrogative sentences

**WEEK FIVE**

Objectives:

The students are expected to:

1. Learn how to introduce family members
2. Learn vocabulary used to express relations in the family
3. Learn how to ask someone's age to address correctly in different situations

**WEEK SIX:**

Objectives:

The students are expected to:

1. To ask about time
2. Be able to express weekly schedule
3. Do mid-term paper - a writing and oral test

**WEEK SEVEN**

Objectives:

The students are expected to:

1. Use color adjectives
2. Use popular adjectives to describe people and things
3. Use adjectives to express feelings and emotions

**WEEK EIGHT:**

Objectives:

The students are expected to:

1. Use "Wh" questions: Who, what, where, when, why and which

**WEEK NINE:**

Objectives:

The students are expected to:

1. Use different structures correctly in different situations

2. Write a short paragraph to tell about their' opinions about Danang and other places they have been to during their midterm trip.

**WEEK TEN:**

Objectives:

The students are expected to:

1. Use present, past and future tenses
2. Sing the song: "Viet Nam Ho Chi Minh"

**WEEK ELEVEN**

Objectives:

The students are expected to:

1. Engage in conversations with local people and clients at service sites

**WEEK TWELVE**

Objectives:

The students are expected to:

1. Use conditional sentences - "If" clause
2. Sing the song "Qua cau gio bay"

**WEEK THIRTEEN: Revision**

**WEEK FORTEEN: Final examination**