SYLLABUS

VIETNAMESE 150a/Viet550a
ADVANCED VIETNAMESE

Vietnamese webpage: www.yale.edu/vietnamese

Yale University   Fall 2016
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BRIEF DESCRIPTION
Aims to enable students to achieve greater fluency and accuracy in the language beyond the intermediate level and to solidify their reading, writing, speaking, and listening skills. Topics include socio-cultural practices, romantic love, gender issues, language
and power, and taboo. Prerequisite: VIET 140b or equivalent.

EXPANDED DESCRIPTION
Designed for students who have prior knowledge of the Vietnamese language beyond the intermediate level. This course is aimed at strengthening students’ reading and writing skills in Vietnamese and enabling students to achieve greater fluency and accuracy in the language beyond the L4 level and to improve their reading, writing, speaking, and listening skills. Students will work with authentic materials corresponding to the topics or themes such as Vietnamese newspapers and magazine articles, short stories, songs and poems, and films and videos. Oral and written activities include extracting information, doing translations and giving critical interpretations, summing up an argument, expressing opinions, and initiating conversations. Other activities include a field trip, a poetry night (with guest performers), and a cookout. The course’s presupposition is that foreign language teaching is more than a linguistic activity for developing language proficiency or competency. Language and culture are interwoven and that cultural competency should be an integral part of language acquisition.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS
1-Class attendance and participation 10%
2-Homework, assignments, and class activities 40%
3-A project proposal and outline 10%
4-A final project portfolio 40%
TOTAL 100%

Note: Faithful attendance, punctuality, and class participation are required.

TEXTBOOK and MATERIALS
1-Course Packet (TBA)
2-Truyện Kiều (the Tale of Kiều), Nguyễn Dư

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE
WEEK 1 Đời Sống Gia Đình và Mâu Thuẫn
WEEK 2 Giáo Dục và Nghề Nghiệp và Một Số Vấn Đề
WEEK 3 Kinh Tế và Thương Mại
WEEK 4  Tình Yêu, Tinh Dực, Giới Tính, Quyền Lực

WEEK 5  Quan Hệ Xã Hội và Quà Tặng

WEEK 6  -Văn Hóa Âm Thực

WEEK 8  -Chuyển Đi Thực Đja (Field Trip)
         -FINAL PAPER PROPOSAL

WEEK 9  -Văn Chương (Khách Mời) và Đêm Thơ (Poetry Night)

WEEK 10 -Quyền Lực Chính Trị và Đối Kháng

WEEK 11 -Y Tế, Sức Khỏe, và Sự Chênh Lệch Giàu Nghèo

WEEK 13 -Ngôn Ngữ và Quyền Lực

WEEK 1  -Báo Cáo của Sinh Viên

WEEK 15 Final Paper (Bài Viết Cuối Học Ký)