

Fall 2012

TAM 312 K (Unique#32645)

INTERMEDIATE TAMIL-I

இடை நிலைத் தமிழ்-1

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Course description:

TAM 312K provides the second year of training in Tamil. The course meets three hours per week and carries three hours of credit. Since the learners already learnt spoken Tamil in the first year, now began to learn Modern Written Tamil and be able to often compare with Spoken forms. Spoken-Written differences will be brought to the learners and worked extensively through plenty of examples and exercises. Specially designed materials help the learners to understand and practice these differences very much. Usually, one hour per week will be devoted to the lesson introduction (core text lessons), one to detailed explanation of the materials in the lesson, and one to reading passages, and conversation. Learners will begin to get complete knowledge of basic and complex structures and their use. For this, variety of interesting exercises, graded compositions, reading comprehensions, listening comprehensions, and translation passages will be used. Various kinds of graded composition, reading comprehension, and translation passages will be provided. Conversational Tamil also part of the course.

The learner's difficulty in understanding the use of advanced language and its structures and the curiosity in the absence of an immersion environment to know more about the culture is always found among learners. For this, other than the core materials, number of interesting lessons, reading, listening, comprehension, composition, news paper materials will be used as supplementary and remedial materials in the class. In the second level of Intermediate Tamil towards the end, audio materials on different topics about Tamil culture, language, games, historically important places, dances, folk traditions, etc., are used. Tamil movies, clips, slides, pictures, transparencies, videos on culture, art, architecture, etc. will also be used in both semesters.

Objectives (for Second year Tamil-two semesters):

Written → Spoken

Development of communicative competence

Development of vocabulary

Composition (guided composition) writing skill

Comprehension skills (reading and listening comprehensions)

Translation skill

Literary appreciation skill

Cultural understanding

Independently presentations/speeches/talks/ to work on Area study topics

Materials (Radhakrishnan):

“Intermediate Tamil” (Print)

“Intermediate Tamil” (Audio CD)

“Conversion Rules for Tamil: Written → Spoken”

“Pictorial Learning”

Attendance:

Students are expected to attend every class. Class attendance is mandatory for all classes and counted towards final grade.

Grading:

Grading is on a straight scale. Weights assigned to each activity are as follows:

Attendance (43x5) ... 215

Homework (5x20) ...	100
Essays (4x 20) ...	80
Tests (3x25) ...	75
Presentation (1) ...	75
Conversation	155
Exam	300

Total . . .	1000 (this total will be worked out for 100 for final grade

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Good wishes