

NLAN 101, Nepali I Fall 2021

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Class Times: TBD

Venue: Online

REQUIRED READING:

Ramailo Nepali I by Pavitra Paudyal and Andy Krakower. Available in the NLAN 101 class Team.

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course introduces students to basic colloquial Nepali vocabulary and grammar, with an emphasis on the students' gaining oral proficiency in colloquial language. Classes will cover the basic grammar of spoken Nepali complemented with a wide selection of useful colloquial vocabulary. Students will be required to memorize vocabulary and sentence structures, complete written homework assignments and will be quizzed weekly on the material covered in class.

The student's learning process is facilitated by means of two types of classes: Master Classes and Assistant Language Instructor (ALI) classes. Due to all of RYI's classes being taught online, and the need for two large time zones with respect to course scheduling, each time zone will have two Master Classes per week, two assistant language instructor sessions and access to pre-recorded grammar lessons and dialogues.

The aim of the master class is to introduce grammar topics, to address the student's questions, and to discuss grammatical principles. Furthermore, these classes provide opportunities for role-plays and learning games.

The second type of class is the assistant language instructor class where the student has the opportunity for one-on-one conversation with a native speaker. In addition to having conversations about various topics of the student's choice, handouts are provided in order to encourage the student to practice structures recently introduced and discussed in class. In these handouts, example sentences illustrate the various usages and combinations of this complex language and facilitate the growth of vocabulary.

You can choose between course sections, S1 or S2, depending on your time-zone and you will choose one class, out of a choice of four Assisted Language Instructor (ALI) classes, per week when you register.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

- Students learn common grammatical structures and basic vocabulary in support of gaining basic oral proficiency in the spoken Nepali language, including being able to introduce themselves, express their needs for various common items and services, discuss their feelings and inquire about others, and speak of past events and activities (see weekly topics list below).
- Students will learn to read, write and pronounce Nepali in the devanāgarī script, at an introductory level.
- At the end of the course, students will be capable of having simple conversations with Nepali speakers on a variety of topics.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

To complete this course, students must meet an 80% minimum attendance requirement and pass each of the following five course elements:

1. Active class participation (10%)
2. Weekly homework assignments (10%)
3. Weekly quizzes (10%)
4. Midterm test (20%)
5. Final exam [oral and written] (50%)

All homework assignments must be submitted on the day they are due and all quizzes must be written on the day they are given. Students must inform the course instructor *before that day's class* if they will miss a quiz or be unable to turn in a homework assignment due to illness. In this case, the quiz or assignment may be made up. Homework assignments or quizzes missed *for any other reason* may not be made up and the student will receive a grade of 0 for that particular assignment or quiz.

The students are required to memorize weekly vocabulary from the book. This vocabulary is tested in weekly quizzes and is utilized in class and conversation sessions as well. A considerable amount of preparation, memorization, and completion of written assignments is expected from the student in order to ensure the student's progress.

The midterm test will be a written test of vocabulary and grammar. The final exam consists of both a written test and an oral examination.

Quizzes will be given every Friday and will cover that week's lessons. Material covered during any previous week's lessons may also be included on the quizzes.

GRADING:

A numerical mark will be given for each of the four course requirements. At the end of the summer, these will be averaged and a letter grade will be given according to the following grading scheme:

Letter Grade	Percentage
A	≥ 93.3%
A-	≥ 90.0%
B+	≥ 86.6%
B	≥ 83.3%
B-	≥ 80.0%
C+	≥ 76.6%
C	≥ 73.3%
C-	≥ 70.0%
D	≥ 60-69%
F	<60 %

Weekly Topic Schedule (subject to adjustment)

Week 1

Lesson 1 Learning the *Devanāgarī* Script

Week 2

Lesson 2 Introductions

Lesson 3 Identifying things and the possessive *My, Your, Ours*

Lesson 4 Location, description and classifiers

Week 3

Lesson 5 Imperative *Sit Down*

Lesson 6 Verb 'chha' *To Be*

Lesson 7 Verb 'ho' *To Be*

Week 4

Lesson 8 Simple Present Tense, Present Habitual Tense

Lesson 9 Clock Time

Lesson 10 Pariwaar *Family*

Week 5

- Lesson 11 Simple Past Tense, *Le* as an instrument
Lesson 12 Possession and Ownership

Week 6

- Lesson 13 Likes/dislikes *I like Nepal*
Lesson 14 Color, Taste, Generalization

Week 7

Review: Weeks 1 - 6
Midterm Exam

Week 8

Reading Week, no classes

Week 9

- Lesson 15 Needs: e.g. I need a pen
Lesson 16 Feelings: e.g. I am happy
Lesson 21 Travel, Time and Money

Week 10

- Lesson 17 Availability
Lesson 18 Shopping
Lesson 19 For and For The Sake Of

Week 11

- Lesson 20 Colloquial Future Tense
Lesson 22 Verb To Be in the past: e.g. I was in India
Lesson 23 Use of bhayo: What Happened?

Week 12

- Lesson 24 Body Parts and physical well-being: e.g. I Have A Headache
Lesson 25 Reported Speech: e.g. He Said That He Was Not Well

Week 13

- Lesson 26 Comparison
Lesson 27 Before Construction before going to bed...

Week 14

Review of all lessons

Week 15

Final exam week