

Vietnamese

These subjects are offered as complementary subjects in conjunction with RMIT University.

Faculty of Arts requirements

Special enrolment arrangements apply. Students must contact the Faculty of Arts office for application forms and further details.

The department determines the language stream in which a student is to enrol. Placement is based on VCE results, other language study record, or a placement test.

Stream enrolment remains provisional until confirmed or, alternatively, altered according to the student's needs as determined by the department during the first two weeks of teaching. As far as possible, changes will be notified in the first two weeks of the semester. Changes in weeks three and four will have to be reported to the Associate Dean (Academic Programs).

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First year subjects

922-057 RMIT-Vietnamese Advanced Language 1A

Note: This subject is dependent on sufficient student enrolments.

Availability: 1st year

Credit points: 18.75

HECS-band: 1

Coordinator: Ms Guosheng Chen

Prerequisites: A pass in VCE Vietnamese, 922-066 RMIT-Vietnamese Introductory Language 2B (*p.1*) or an approved equivalent.

Contact: Three hours of lectures, a 1-hour tutorial and a 1-hour practical class per week (*Semester 1*).

Description: This subject is a general introduction to Vietnamese language structures and the cultural heritage associated with the language, including literature of various styles from the 1st century BC to the 17th century AD. Students should be able to understand, discuss, read about and write on, with a good degree of fluency, a wide range of practical and social topics; and have an understanding of the cultural heritage associated with the language.

Assessment: An assignment of 2000 words, a book review of 1500 words, a 15-minute oral presentation, and a 3-hour examination. Students must attend at least 70% of classes to be eligible for assessment.

Prescribed texts: Materials prepared by the department.

922-058 RMIT-Vietnamese Advanced Language 1B

Note: This subject is dependent on sufficient student enrolment.

Availability: 1st year

Credit points: 18.75

HECS-band: 1

Coordinator: Ms Guosheng Chen

Prerequisites: 922-057 RMIT-Vietnamese Advanced Language 1A (*p.1*) or an approved equivalent.

Contact: Three hours of lectures, a 1-hour tutorial and a 1-hour practical class per week (*Semester 2*).

Description: This subject is a continuation of Vietnamese Advanced Language 1A linguistically but extends the literary period into the 18th and 19th centuries as well as considering the influence of Western civilisation. Students who complete this subject should have an appreciation of Vietnamese literature and history from the 18th and 19th centuries; and be able to understand, discuss, read about and write on, with considerable fluency, a wide range of practical and social topics.

Assessment: An assignment of 2000 words, a book review of 1500 words, a 15-minute oral presentation, and a 3-hour examination. Students must attend at least 70% of classes to be eligible for assessment.

Prescribed texts: Materials prepared by the department.

922-063 RMIT-Vietnamese Introductory Language 1A

Note: This subject is dependent on sufficient student enrolment.

Availability: 1st year

Credit points: 18.75

HECS-band: 1

Coordinator: Ms Guosheng Chen

Contact: Three hours of lectures and two hours of practical language classes per week (*Semester 1*).

Description: This subject is designed as an introduction to contemporary spoken and written Vietnamese. No previous knowledge of the language is presumed. Students who complete the subject should have an understanding of the basic level of syntactic patterns, vocabulary for practical oral communication and phonology, and an understanding of Vietnamese culture and society.

Assessment: A book review of 1500 words, an assignment of 1500 words, a 1-hour written test, and a 2-hour oral exam. Students must attend at least 70% of classes to be eligible for assessment.

Prescribed texts: Materials prepared by the department.

922-064 RMIT-Vietnamese Introductory Language 1B

Note: This subject is dependent on sufficient student enrolment.

Availability: 1st year

Credit points: 18.75

HECS-band: 1

Coordinator: Ms Guosheng Chen

Prerequisites: 922-063 RMIT-Vietnamese Introductory Language 1A (*p.1*) or an approved equivalent.

Contact: Three hours of lectures, and two hours of practical language classes per week (*Semester 2*).

Description: This subject is a continuation of 922-063 RMIT-Vietnamese Introductory Language 1A (*p.1*). It further extends the speaking skills of students in informal daily life situations. It considers Vietnamese traditions and cultural values and pays particular attention to literature prior to 1945. Students who complete the subject should be able to understand and discuss with native speakers practical topics related to the students' interests at a basic proficiency level; be able to read and understand a variety of texts such as non-technical newspaper and magazine articles; and be able to write, with reasonable accuracy, personal letters and short essays.

Assessment: A book review of 1500 words, an assignment of 1500 words, a 1-hour written test, and a 2-hour oral exam. Students must attend at least 70% of classes to be eligible for assessment.

Prescribed texts: Materials prepared by the department.

Second year subjects

922-065 RMIT-Vietnamese Introductory Language 2A

Note: This subject is dependent on sufficient student enrolment.

Availability: 2nd year

Credit points: 18.75

HECS-band: 1

Coordinator: Ms Guosheng Chen

Prerequisites: 922-064 RMIT-Vietnamese Introductory Language 1B (*p.1*) or an approved equivalent.

Contact: Three hours of lectures and two hours of practical language classes per week (*Semester 1*).

Description: This subject builds on first year work and begins to look seriously at phonological, morphological and syntactical structures while continuing to improve the fluency of students. Post-World War II literature is also studied. Students who complete the subject should feel confident in dealing with the Vietnamese community in everyday situations.

Assessment: A book review of 1500 words, an assignment of 1500 words, a 1-hour written test, and a 2-hour oral exam. Students must attend at least 70% of classes to be eligible for assessment.

Prescribed texts: Materials prepared by the department.

922-066 RMIT-Vietnamese Introductory Language 2B

Note: This subject is dependent on sufficient student enrolment.

Availability: 2nd year

Credit points: 18.75

HECS-band: 1

Coordinator: Ms Guosheng Chen

Prerequisites: 922-065 RMIT-Vietnamese Introductory Language 2A (*p.1*) or an approved equivalent.

Contact: Three hours of lectures and two hours of practical language classes per week (*Semester 2*).

Description: This subject involves consolidation of work learned in Semester 1 with particular reference to the situational context of speaking, listening, reading and writing the language. The experience of Vietnamese community in Australia is analysed by using post-1975 Vietnamese literary works, newspaper articles and other relevant research. Students who complete the subject should be able to take part in a conversation with a native speaker; and deal with matters relating to the basic needs of immigrants and visitors from Vietnam.

Assessment: A book review of 1500 words, an assignment of 1500 words, a 1-hour written test, and a 2-hour oral exam. Students must attend at least 70% of classes to be eligible for assessment.

Prescribed texts: Materials prepared by the department.

922-059 RMIT-Vietnamese Advanced Language 2A

Note: This subject is dependent on sufficient student enrolment.

Availability: 2nd year

Credit points: 18.75

HECS-band: 1

Coordinator: Ms Guosheng Chen

Prerequisites: 922-058 RMIT-Vietnamese Advanced Language 1B (*p.1*) or an approved equivalent.

Contact: Three hours of lectures and a 1-hour tutorial and a 1-hour practical class per week (*Semester 1*).

Description: This subject focuses on the history and characteristics of Vietnamese linguistics with particular attention being paid to the styles of written Vietnamese. The literature of, and social changes during, the period of French domination from 1862 to 1945 are also studied. On completion of the subject students should begin to recognise and use the different nuances and stylistic features of both written and spoken Vietnamese; and have an understanding of the impact of French domination on Vietnamese society and culture from 1862 to 1945.

Assessment: An assignment of 2000 words, a book review of 1500 words, a 15-minute oral presentation, and a 3-hour examination. Students must attend at least 70% of classes to be eligible for assessment.

Prescribed texts: Materials prepared by the department.

922-060 RMIT-Vietnamese Advanced Language 2B

Note: This subject is dependent on sufficient student enrolment.

Availability: 2nd year

Credit points: 18.75

HECS-band: 1

Coordinator: Ms Guosheng Chen

Prerequisites: 922-058 RMIT-Vietnamese Advanced Language 1B (*p.1*) or an approved equivalent.

Contact: Three hours of lectures, a 1-hour tutorial and a 1-hour practical language class per week (*Semester 2*).

Description: This subject considers the changes in Vietnamese language styles, society and literature in the period of increasing American influence, 1945-1975. On conclusion of the subject students should appreciate newer styles and structure in the Vietnamese language; have a good knowledge of more specialised language relating to particular occupations; and have an understanding of the impact of war and American influence on Vietnamese society and culture.

Assessment: An assignment of 2000 words, a book review of 1500 words, a 15-minute oral presentation, and a 3-hour examination. Students must attend at least 70% of classes to be eligible for assessment.

Prescribed texts: Materials prepared by the department.

Second/third year subjects

922-061 RMIT-Vietnamese Advanced Language 3A

Note: This subject is dependent on sufficient student enrolments.

Availability: 2nd and 3rd year

Credit points: 18.75

HECS-band: 1

Coordinator: Ms Guosheng Chan

Prerequisites: 922-060 RMIT-Vietnamese Advanced Language 2B (*p.2*) or an approved equivalent.

Contact: Three hours of lectures, a 1-hour tutorial and a 1-hour practical language class per week (*Semester 1*).

Description: This subject concentrates more on the speech of native speakers with particular attention paid to common idioms, colloquialisms and cultural references in conversation, by telephone and the electronic media. As well as attention to reading and writing skills, students are introduced to contemporary Vietnamese literature from Vietnam and the diaspora from 1975 to 1985.

Assessment: Progressive oral and written exercises, an essay of 2000 words, a 15-minute class presentation, and a 3-hour written examination. Students must attend at least 70% of classes to be eligible for assessment.

Prescribed texts: Materials prepared by the department.

922-062 RMIT-Vietnamese Advanced Language 3B

Note: This subject is dependent on sufficient student enrolment.

Availability: 2nd and 3rd year

Credit points: 18.75

HECS-band: 1

Coordinator: Ms Guosheng Chen

Prerequisites: 922-061 RMIT-Vietnamese Advanced Language 3A (*p.2*) or an approved equivalent.

Contact: Three hours of lectures, a 1-hour tutorial and a 1-hour practical language class per week (*Semester 2*).

Description: The subject focuses on understanding the registers and varieties of spoken Vietnamese that students are likely to encounter. Students are also introduced to technical, abstract and specialised written material in Vietnamese literature which developed in Vietnam and in the diaspora from 1986-1996.

Assessment: Progressive oral and written exercises, and an essay of 2000 words, a 15-minute class presentation, and a 3-hour written examination. Students must attend at least 70% of classes to be eligible for assessment.

Prescribed texts: Materials prepared by the department.