

COURSE SYLLABUS

SINHALA I LANGUAGE

Intercollegiate Sri Lanka Education Program (ISLE) Program

Suggested US semester credit hours: 4

Contact Hours: 60

Course Code: FL282-01 and IS282-01

Course Length: Semester

Delivery method: Face to Face

Language of Instruction: English

Suggested cross-listings: Foreign Language (Sinhala); International Studies

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Sinhala course in ISLE program has two-sessions. All the aspects of language: speaking, reading, writing and listening would be given consideration. Using essentially a communicative-interactive teaching methodology, supplemented with appropriate grammatical details, students are introduced systematically and incrementally to materials that enable them to acquire cultural and linguistic literacy about Sri Lanka.

At the end of the program, the students are expected to be able to carry on basic conversation in Sinhala with native speakers, displaying a fair command of the contextually appropriate linguistic articulations of different speech acts in Sinhala. They are also expected to have complete mastery over the Sinhala script, so they can read and write Sinhala efficiently.

STUDENT LEARNING OBJECTIVES/EXPECTED COMMUNICATION SKILLS

1. Give a self-introduction
2. Ask simple questions from someone
3. Greetings
4. Welcome someone
5. Take leave from someone
6. Buying things
7. Bargain
8. To give an introduction about one's family
9. Express one's ideas using adjectives
10. Tell about your likes and dislikes and associated questions
11. Use pro nouns
12. Express one's idea using adverbs
13. Express positive and negative ideas about permission and ask for permission
14. Express positive and negative ideas using the verb "want" and associated questions
15. Practice how to express ideas with "more"
16. Visit government offices, banks, hospitals, etc.
17. Comparative and Superlative
18. Talk about times
19. Reporting maker and Reported speech
20. Give directions or ask for direction

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21. Express ideas in future conditional tense
22. To discuss travel plans

ATTENDANCE

Students studying on an IFSA-Butler program are required to attend all regularly scheduled classes, studios, recitations, workshops and laboratory sessions. Failure to attend classes may result in a loss of credit and a fail on your transcript. The specific application of the attendance guidelines is at the instructor's discretion. Lateness or absence can affect the student's grade.

REQUIRED TEXTBOOK

Sinhala – A competency based language course- The ISLE program- Kandy by Kamini De Abrew, 2005.
Richard Sinhala hand writing workbook. – Grade 1 by Dilani P. Jayathissa

EVALUATION METHODS

1. HOME WORK ASSIGNMENTS:
 - Homework will be assigned regularly and the due date will vary. These assignments will help you to become thorough with the material taught in the class and experiment with the language by yourself. Homework Evaluation: Homework will carry 20 points out of the final grade in session I.
2. QUIZZES / EXAMINATIONS:
 - Short quizzes will be held after teaching certain units. Example: numerals, script writing etc. The duration would be 10-20 minutes.
 - The purpose of these short quizzes is to get a regular feedback on your daily achievement of language skills. The objective of this is to evaluate the acquisition of language in different skill areas.
3. EXAM FORMAT:
 - Oral: Conversation / oral presentation / achievement of oral skills during the semester.
 - Written: Covers all the grammar points and includes short paragraph writing (with English script in Session I)
 - Final examination will be held during the last week of Session I.
4. Your final grade for Sinhala Session-I will be calculated as follows:

Quizzes (written, oral)	20%
Homework	20%
Final Exam	60%

COURSE OUTLINE

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| i. Explanation | vi. Listening |
| ii. Class Presentations | vii. Role plays/Skits |

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iii.	Quizzes	viii.	Field trips
iv.	Written homework	ix.	One on one sessions
v.	Review	x.	Games

Sections of Teaching

1. Nouns
 - Learn new nouns
 - Learn how to Sinhalize English animate and inanimate nouns
 - Using nouns with adjectives
 - Learn how to make definite and indefinite animate and inanimate nouns
 - Identifying pronouns etc.
2. Verbs
 - Learn the Simple Present tense verbs
 - Learn how to determine the verb root
 - Learn the present emphatic and past emphatic form of the verb
3. Sentence Patterns
 - Learn how to express the ideas in different tenses.
4. Vocabulary
 - Days of the week
 - Common names for the days of the week
 - Parts of a day
 - Months of the year
 - Parts of human body
 - Colors
 - Natural objects
 - Animals
5. Reading and Scripts
 - The students learn 14 vowels and 26 consonants.
 - They will be introduced in separate groups depending on their shapes and writing patterns.
 - Identify the different ways of writing the pure consonants.
 - Identify the different ways of adding the symbols for “u/uu” vowels to the consonants.
 - Read, write and transcribe simple words, phrases and sentences with vowels and consonants without diacritics.
6. Numerals
 - Session I- Learn to count from 0-100
 - Learn how to use numerals to express ideas in different situations
 - Example: 5, 5th, 5th –date, 5th-person, 5th in a line, 5 (definite/indefinite) people, 5 (definite/indefinite) inanimate nouns, 5 times)
 - Learn to say price, age and date

Schedule for Sinhala I

Abbreviation: Textbook Lesson – TBL

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Session	Lesson	Plan
1	1	TBL 01 and grammar practice, Question words, Simple nouns
	2	Kinship terms, TBL 2, simple present tense
	3	TBL 03, Nouns and conjugations,
	4	Present Emphatic uses (negation, emphatic answers and question sentences), vocabulary learning, TBL 4
	5	Sinhalizing English Verbs and Nouns (Singular, Plural/ definite indefinite forms),
2	6	TBL 5 and grammar practice, Quiz on script
	7	TBL 6 and grammar practice, adjectives
	8	TBL 7 and grammar practice
	9	TBL 8 and grammar practice, Quiz on script
	10	TBL 9 and grammar practice
3	11	Past tense, TBL 10, adverbs
	12	Past Emphatic verb form and uses
	13	TBL 11 and grammar practice / Sample Paper Discussion
	14	Sinhala I EXAMINATION

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

Any academic endeavor must be based upon a foundation of honesty and integrity. Students are expected to abide by principles of academic integrity and must be willing to bear individual responsibility for their work while studying abroad. Any academic work (written or otherwise) submitted to fulfill an academic requirement must represent a student's original work. Any act of academic misconduct, such as cheating, fabrication, forgery, plagiarism, or facilitating academic dishonesty, will subject a student to disciplinary action.

IFSA takes academic integrity very seriously. Students must not accept outside assistance without permission from the instructor. Additionally, students must document all sources according to the instructions of the professor. Should your instructor suspect you of plagiarism, cheating, or other forms of academic dishonesty, you may receive a failing grade for the course and disciplinary action may result. The incident will be reported to the IFSA resident director as well as your home institution.

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