

**University of Wisconsin -Madison
South Asian Summer Language Institute (SASLI)**

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I. Course Overview:

Elementary Telugu has the two-semester program sequence. The course emphasizes the individual learning styles and preferences. All the aspects of your linguistic performance: speaking, reading, writing and listening would be given equal consideration. Using essentially a communicative-interactive teaching methodology, supplemented with appropriate grammatical details, the students are, systematically and incrementally, introduced to materials that enable them to acquire cultural and linguistic literacy about Andhra. Students graduating from the program are expected to have complete mastery over the Telugu script, so they can read and write Telugu efficiently. They are expected to be able to carry on basic conversation in Telugu with native speakers, displaying a fair command of the contextually appropriate linguistic articulations of different speech acts in Telugu.

II. LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to

1. Read Telugu script
2. Write in Telugu script using everyday language.
3. Express themselves, their likes and dislikes/emotions and Feelings etc., and describe persons, places and objects.
4. Describe Persons/places/objects etc.,

III. TEXT BOOKS/MATERIALS/ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

Required Text: *Elementary Telugu* (available at the Center for South Asia)

Work-Book: Afsar, *Telugulo RaayanDi* (writing in Telugu) ... (*hand-outs will be given everyday from this book*)

IV. COURSE POLICIES:

ATTENDANCE:

- Attendance is mandatory. Please make a note that we count attendance very seriously. In case of illness you are required to produce a certificate from a registered medical professional.
- For every 3 unexcused absences your grade automatically goes down
- The excused absence is defined as absence for illness, job-interviews, authorized field trips, and other unavoidable reasons with a written documentation from concerned authorities.

V. COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

QUIZZES:

We have two types of quizzes:

1. Weekly: Weekly quizzes are part of reviewing the study material every week and non-gradable. The purpose of these short quizzes is to get a regular feedback on your achievement of language skills. The duration would be 15-20 minutes.

2. Tri-weekly: The purpose of Tri-weekly quizzes is to validate comprehension of material course material and serve as a diagnostic tool in preparation for the exams. The lowest quiz score will be dropped before computing your quiz average.

EXAMINATIONS:

The aim here is to evaluate the acquisition of language in different skill areas.

- Exam Format: *Oral* – Conversation/oral presentation/pair work based on your achievement of oral skills during the semester.

Written: Covers all the grammar points and also includes short paragraph writing.

- Final examination will be held in the finals week. Final examination will be cumulative that is it will cover the syllabus from day one till the instruction ends. It will have an oral and written part.

CLASS PARTICIPATION:

It consists of:

- Oral activities: Multiple opportunities are provided to facilitate development of your oral skills which include pair work, group activities etc.,
- Class work : You will be given short class work once/twice a week in the class based on the material we covered in the class up to the time. The purpose of this class-work is to work more on Grammar points.

Individual Interviews:

Students have to sign for individual interviews once in a week. Individual interviews focus on the special needs of the students and for the revision of the previous lessons. Students can use this opportunity to work more on writing skills and speaking skills.

HOMEWORK:

Homework will be assigned regularly and the due date will vary depending on the length of the home-assignment. These assignments will help you to become thorough with the material taught in the class and also experiment with the language by yourself.

OTHER ACTIVITIES:

MOVIES and DOCUMENTARIES:

During the semester we will watch two Telugu movies in the class.

Video and Audio SESSIONS:

We will use the computer and audio sources extensively once in a week with specific assignments. We will do a lot of oral practice and also have a lot of audiovisual materials in the regular classes.

EVALUATION (Total 100%):

Final exam	25%	Midterm exam	20%
Short Quizzes	15%	Homework	10%
Class Participation	20%	Skit presentation	10%

*Skit Presentation: A small conversation/ dance ballet /cultural event representing Telugu culture.

Grading Scale:

- A: 90-100
- B: 80-90
- C: 65-74
- D: 50- 60
- F: -50

VII. COURSE CALENDER:

- *This calendar is tentative and it may be changed according to the needs of the class and students.*
- *Weekly schedule will be given every Monday.*