

Syllabus for Elementary Sinhala 2012

South Asian Summer Language Institute (SASLI) 2012

University of Wisconsin - Madison

- Course Name:** Elementary Sinhala
- Duration:** 8 weeks (from June 18<sup>th</sup> through August 10<sup>th</sup> 2012)
- Class time:** Classes will start at 8.30am and end at 1.00pm. There is a break from 10.30am to 11.00am
- Attendance :** Regular attendance is mandatory.
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- Office Hours:** Monday and Friday at 1.30pm to 2.30pm  
Room 322, Ingraham Hall (Otherwise by appointment)

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## **I. Course Overview:**

Elementary Sinhala has two-semester program sequence. The course emphasizes the individual learning styles and preferences. All the aspects of language: 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 Sri Lanka. At the end of the program students are expected to have complete mastery over the Sinhala script, so they can read and write Sinhala efficiently. They 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.

## **2. Class Materials: Required Text Book:**

- 1) Beginning Colloquial Sinhala: An Introductory Sinhala Curriculum  
by Theresa McGarry and Liyanage Amarakeerthi.  
<http://sap.einaudi.cornell.edu/publications>
- 2) Sinhala Script Workbook: Reading and Writing with the Sinhala Alphabet  
by Bandara Herath  
<http://sap.einaudi.cornell.edu/publications>
- 3) Beginning Reading in Colloquial Sinhala: Students Reader  
by Bandara Herath  
<http://sap.einaudi.cornell.edu/publications>
- 4) English Sinhala Dictionary by Bandara Herath
- 5) Reading materials to be provided, Handouts, Audio and video/ Sinhala movies/ Tele dramas will be available online / provide by the instructor.

### **3. Quizzes:**

There will be two types of quizzes:

1. Weekly: Weekly quizzes are part of the final grading. (last day of the week)
2. Short quizzes: The purpose of these short quizzes is to get a regular feedback on your daily achievement of language skills. The duration would be 5-10 minutes.

### **4. Examinations:**

The objective of this is to evaluate the acquisition of language in different skill areas.

**Exam Format:** Oral – Conversation / oral presentation / 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 of the program. 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.

### **5. One on One Interview:**

Students have to sign for one on one interview with the instructor once in a week. 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.

**6. Home work assignments:**

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.

**7. Evaluation:**

Quizzes (Written, oral)	20%
Class participation	10%
Home work	20%
Midterm Exam	20%
Final Exam	30%
Total	100

**8. Course Calendar:**

1st Week June 18 – 22	Unit 1 : Lesson 1-5	Quiz 1 on Friday
2nd Week June 25 – 29	Unit 2 : Lesson 5 -10	Quiz 2 on Friday
3rd Week July 2 – 6	Unit 3 : Lesson 11- 15	Quiz 3 on Friday
4th Week July 9 – 13	Unit 4 : Lesson 16 - 20	Quiz 4 on Friday.
5th Week July 16 – 20	Unit 5: Lesson 21 - 25	Midterm Test
6th Week July 23 – 27	Unit 6 : Lesson 26 - 30	Quiz 5 on Friday
7th Week July 30 – Aug 03	Unit 7: Lesson 31 - 35	Practice Test on Friday
8th Week Aug 6 – 10	Unit 8 : Lesson 36 - 40	1. Final Test and Presentation

The calendar is tentative and it may be changed according to the needs of the class and students. (Weekly schedule will be give on Monday)

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