

BEGINNING BURMESE

A distance learning course

The Center for Southeast Asian Studies at Northern Illinois University is offering **distance learning Burmese**, a language spoken by the majority of people in Burma/Myanmar. This course offers students the flexibility of studying the language from anywhere over the internet. All instruction will be live and conducted by NIU Burmese language professor Tharaphi Than.

This course assumes no prior knowledge of the language. At the end of the course, students will be able to engage in everyday conversations and use the language for travel—from hiring a taxi to asking for a visa extension. Students will also learn how to read and write basic colloquial Burmese. The course will be taught in English and Burmese.

Class size is limited to 15. This is a **non-credit bearing course**, designed for students, professionals, or others interested in learning beginning Burmese. For more information, please contact Tharaphi Than at tthan@niu.edu.

Dates and Meeting Times

Module 1 will run **Sept. 27 to Dec. 6, 2018** every Thursday from 8:30 to 10:30am CST. Module 2 will run **Jan. 27 to March 28, 2019**.

Course Fees

\$480 per module for 20 hours over 10 weeks

Course Requirements

Colloquial Burmese by San San Hnin Tun (ISBN-13: 978-0415517300); access to internet.

Community college students

Completion of modules 1 and 2 is the equivalent of one-year beginning Burmese taught at NIU. After taking both, community college students intending to transfer to NIU are eligible to apply for Foreign Language and Area Studies fellowships through the Center for Southeast Asian Studies.

How to Enroll

To enroll in distance Burmese, or one-on-one or tailor-made courses, contact Tharaphi Than at tthan@niu.edu.