

BURMESE (BURM)

BURM 1100 - Elements of Burmese Language and Culture (1 Credit)

This course will introduce basic Burmese language and elements of Burmese culture to anyone who would like to learn about the country.

Last Four Terms Offered: Spring 2025, Spring 2024

Schedule of Classes

BURM 1121 - Elementary Burmese (Myanmar) I (4 Credits)

This course is designed to give beginning learners a solid foundation in reading and writing Burmese. Reading and writing skills are essential first steps to learning the language, and this is the only course where you will learn the script. You will also learn some basic spoken Burmese and important grammatical concepts. Some of the assignments are completed online using interactive video and audio materials.

Distribution Requirements: (FL-AG), (OCL-IL)

Exploratory Studies: (SELANG)

Last Four Terms Offered: Fall 2024, Fall 2023, Fall 2022, Fall 2021

Schedule of Classes

BURM 1122 - Elementary Burmese (Myanmar) II (4 Credits)

This course focuses on building up confidence in speaking and understanding spoken Burmese at the beginner level. Emphasis is put on language you will need if you visit the country, and significant practical skills are learned along with essential information on some customs and traditions of Burmese culture. Some of the assignments are completed online using interactive video and audio materials.

Prerequisites: BURM 1121 or permission of instructor.

Distribution Requirements: (FL-AG), (OCL-IL)

Exploratory Studies: (SELANG)

Last Four Terms Offered: Spring 2025, Spring 2024, Spring 2023, Spring 2022

Schedule of Classes

BURM 2201 - Intermediate Burmese (Myanmar) I (3 Credits)

This course is for you if you have taken elementary Burmese at Cornell or learned some Burmese elsewhere and know how to read and write Burmese script. You will continue developing proficiency in learning all major aspects of the language with a focus on reading authentic texts, engaging with audio-video clips and at the intermediate level, including reading and understanding formal-style texts. Some of the assignments are completed online using interactive video and audio materials.

Prerequisites: BURM 1122.

Distribution Requirements: (FL-AG), (FLOPI-AS), (OCL-IL)

Exploratory Studies: (SELANG)

Last Four Terms Offered: Fall 2024, Fall 2023, Fall 2022, Fall 2021

Schedule of Classes

BURM 2202 - Intermediate Burmese (Myanmar) II (3 Credits)

This course builds on and expands your Burmese language skills. It focuses on improving oral expression, reading, interpretation of written texts, and further developing listening skills and cultural understanding through real-life scene videos. Some of the assignments are completed online using interactive video and audio materials.

Prerequisites: BURM 2201 or permission of instructor.

Distribution Requirements: (FL-AG), (FLOPI-AS), (OCL-IL)

Exploratory Studies: (SELANG)

Last Four Terms Offered: Spring 2025, Spring 2024, Spring 2023, Spring 2022

Schedule of Classes

BURM 3301 - Advanced Burmese (Myanmar) I (3 Credits)

This course develops your Burmese language skills further, targeting growth in all four core areas: listening, speaking, reading, and writing. All materials used in the course are authentic Burmese short stories, current event reports, various digital media such as blogs and YouTube videos. The particular materials used in any given year may vary depending on the proficiency level of the students. For students who are involved in Burma/Myanmar related research, their projects may also become part of the course.

Prerequisites: BURM 2202 or permission of instructor.

Distribution Requirements: (FL-AG), (FLOPI-AS), (OCL-IL)

Exploratory Studies: (SELANG)

Last Four Terms Offered: Fall 2024, Fall 2023, Fall 2022, Fall 2021

Schedule of Classes

BURM 3302 - Advanced Burmese (Myanmar) II (3 Credits)

This course is a continuation of the previous level, focusing on further development of all four Burmese language skills. All materials used in the course consist of authentic Burmese short stories, news articles, digital media content, and other original resources from Myanmar. Students will enhance their presentational skills through regular discussions, formal presentations, and cultural analysis of these authentic materials. The particular materials used in any given year may vary depending on the proficiency level of the students. For students who are involved in Burma/Myanmar related research, their projects may also become part of the course.

Prerequisites: BURM 3301 or permission of instructor.

Distribution Requirements: (FL-AG), (FLOPI-AS), (OCL-IL)

Exploratory Studies: (SELANG)

Last Four Terms Offered: Spring 2025, Spring 2024, Spring 2023, Spring 2022

Schedule of Classes

BURM 3309 - Advanced Readings in Burmese (Myanmar) I (3 Credits)

This course will further develop the student's reading proficiency in Burmese. Challenging authentic texts will be read, analyzed, and translated to English. A certain amount of discussion in Burmese is also part of the course, but the primary objective is to learn to read and understand the typical texts that appear on websites about current events, cultural trends, as well as short literary works by contemporary authors. Heritage speakers of Burmese as well as students who are learning Burmese as a foreign language are welcome. Reading materials are selected depending on the needs and interests of the students and differ from year to year.

Prerequisites: BURM 3302 or permission of instructor.

Distribution Requirements: (FLOPI-AS)

Last Four Terms Offered: Fall 2024, Fall 2023, Fall 2022, Fall 2021

Schedule of Classes

BURM 3310 - Advanced Readings in Burmese (Myanmar) II (3 Credits)

This course continues to develop Burmese reading proficiency, building on skills from previous coursework. Students will engage with challenging authentic texts, analyze their content, and translate them into English. While the course includes some Burmese conversation, it primarily focuses on developing reading comprehension for practical materials such as websites covering current events, cultural developments, and contemporary literary works. The course is designed for both heritage speakers of Burmese and students learning Burmese as a new language. Reading selections vary year to year, tailored to match student interests and learning objectives.

Prerequisites: BURM 3309 or permission of instructor.

Distribution Requirements: (FLOPI-AS)

Last Four Terms Offered: Spring 2025, Spring 2024, Spring 2023, Spring 2021

Schedule of Classes

BURM 4431 - Directed Study (1-4 Credits)

Intended for advanced language study.

Enrollment Information: Permission of instructor required.

Exploratory Studies: (CU-UG); (SELANG)

Last Four Terms Offered: Fall 2024, Fall 2023, Fall 2022, Fall 2021

Schedule of Classes

BURM 4432 - Directed Study (1-4 Credits)

Intended for advanced language study.

Enrollment Information: Permission of instructor required.

Exploratory Studies: (CU-UG); (SELANG)

Last Four Terms Offered: Spring 2025, Spring 2024, Spring 2023, Spring 2022

Schedule of Classes

BURM 5509 - Graduate Studies in Burmese (Myanmar) (3-4 Credits)

Topics vary by semester in relation to student needs.

Last Four Terms Offered: Fall 2024, Fall 2023, Fall 2022

Schedule of Classes

BURM 5510 - Graduate Studies in Burmese (Myanmar) (3-4 Credits)

Topics vary by semester in relation to student needs.

Last Four Terms Offered: Spring 2025, Spring 2024, Spring 2023, Spring 2022

Schedule of Classes