SYLLABUS FOR CRITICAL LANGUAGE CLASSES

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH ALABAMA

CRITICAL LANGUAGES PROGRAM

HOW ARE CRITICAL LANGUAGES TAUGHT?

These courses are not taught in the same way as traditional Foreign Language courses such as French, German, or Spanish, but consist, instead, of the following components, delivered in compliance with guidelines set by the National Association of Self-Instructional Language Programs (NASILP: see www.nasilp.net):

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  class meetings on conversational skills, and, as such, serve as models of the spoken language. They will speak in their native language and will resort to English only when questions arise where the modeled conversation or the textbook is perhaps not entirely clear. In all events, use of English in class should be absolutely minimal.
- Each Critical Language textbook has associated audio files which students are to utilize in reviewing and practicing vocabulary, pronunciation, and modeled conversational situations. The Critical Languages Center/Language Lab (Wesleyan Hall Room 308)

  (listed unde http://www.una.edu/foreign-languages/
- Each Critical Language textbook serves as a reference resource for grammatical issues, and will assist students in assimilating material introduced in class. Students, not Language Partners, are responsible for achieving grammatical competency. For this reason, it is strongly recommended that only students with previous experience learning a foreign language undertake the study of a Critical Language. Highly motivated students with some background in language study perform best in these challenging classes.
- The Final Exam, which, like the class, focuses principally on conversational ability, will be administered by a professor from outside the University. As circumstances allow, this exam will be conducted either in person or via tele- or video-conference. Because Critical Languages are scheduled outside the regular University class and exam schedule, **the Final Exam will take place on Study Day** (exact time will be announced), or on the Saturday following Study Day, in the event examiners are not available on Study Day.
- While Critical Language instruction is focused on the spoken language, some attention will be given to the written language as well, particularly in cases where the writing system diverges from western alphabetic standards (e.g., Arabic, Chinese, Japanese, Russian)

HOW ARE CRITICAL LANGUAGE CLASSES GRADED?

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