

Course Description

Course Title: Introduction to Fijian

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Course Language: English and Fijian

Level of students: All welcome

Course Syllabus

Name of the instructor: Paul Geraghty

Type of Class Arrangement:

Tuesday, Thursday; 14:30-18:00; July 9 to Aug 3

Course description including objectives

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Topic or topics for each session:

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Teaching methods:

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Assessment:

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Required and/or recommended readings:

Text book: Say Bula! By Paul Geraghty. If unavailable locally, soft copy can be supplied by instructor for printing and binding, or to be accessible on-line.

Timetable (4 90-minute periods per week for four weeks):

Week 1 period 1	Introduction. Sounds of Fijian, spelling system
Period 2	Practising pronunciation, elementary vocabulary
Period 3	Interjections, simple phrases
Period 4	Revision, test (30 minutes)
Week 2 period 1	Common greetings, questions and replies
Period 2	Independent pronouns, number and person distinctions
Period 3	Subject pronouns, form and use
Period 4	Revision, Test (30 minutes)
Week 3 period 1	Suffixed possession
Period 2	Non-suffixed possession
Period 3	Nominal possession
Period 4	Revision, Test (30 minutes)
Week 4 Period 1	Noun phrase structure
Period 2	Ways of expressing 'to be' and 'to have'
Period 3	More questions and answers, verb phrase structure
Period 4	Revision, Exam (1 hour)