Welcome to the Vietnamese language program at Columbia University! The Vietnamese language is spoken by some 96 million people in Vietnam, with large communities also present in France, Germany, Australia, Taiwan, South Korea and the United States. About 2 million people of Vietnamese heritage live in the United States, with some 38,000 Vietnamese calling the New York Metro area home. Vietnam has stood as the cultural, political, and linguistic gateway between East and Southeast Asia for over two thousand years until now.

Our long-term goal is to develop a program that will serve the needs of all levels of interest, from the beginner, to the heritage learner, to advance graduate students working on primary materials. Students are encouraged to apply and enhance their practical communicatory skills through exploration of Vietnam’s rich cultural heritage, as well as the diversity and vibrancy of contemporary Vietnamese society.

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Vietnamese Classes

Our program offer the following classes:

- First Year Vietnamese UN1101 and UN1102 (no experience necessary)
- Second Year Vietnamese UN2101 and UN2102 (placement test required).
- Third Year Vietnamese UN3101 and UN3102 (placement test required).
- Mixed Advanced Vietnamese UN4101 & UN4102 (placement exam required)

Immersion Activities

Our program works with Vietnamese Student Association to have the following outside classroom activities:

- **Cooking classes**: to cook traditional Vietnamese Cuisine such as Bun Cha, Nem, Cha Gio, Pho Ga, Pho Bo.
- **Cultural Events**: Tet Trung Thu, Vietnamese Poetry Night, Tet Nguyen Dan and Finding Your Root.