Course Syllabus for Marathi Language: 6 Credit Hours

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Marathi is the local language, spoken in the families in which you stay, on the streets you walk everyday and in stores and markets where you shop. The course enables you to use your Marathi skills in all these places and thus, makes your stay in Pune more comfortable and meaningful. Learning Marathi also helps you understand the Maharashtrian culture in a much better way.

Goals: The initial aim of the course is to make you understand spoken Marathi and respond appropriately. It also focuses on learning the Devnagari script (Incidentally, this is the only one arranged according to phonetics), thus enabling you to read and write. This will make moving around in the city easier, as you can read the names of the streets and stores.

Learning Marathi is thus a key to your successful stay in Pune. It helps you interact with the families. Home stay is a distinguishing feature of ACM programs and so, using your language skills in the family and thus getting closer to it is a good idea. Besides, since language and culture are two sides of the same coin, and are thus inseparable, language is a useful tool in understanding the local culture.

Expected outcome of the course: You would have active skills like speaking and writing Marathi, as well as the passive ones like hearing and reading the language. You are expected to use your language skills during your stay here, in the family, in the office and most importantly, on the streets.

Attendance: Attendance is mandatory. Remember, while learning a foreign language, one missed class is equal to not understanding the next one.

Assignments: Assignments are oral in the first few weeks and later, they are written. All assignments are compulsory and must be submitted on due date.

Quizzes and examinations: After 4 weeks of instruction, there will be a weekly class quiz. The quizzes will be checked and marked, but these marks will not decide the final grades. There will be two examinations; first at the end of 8 weeks and the second at the end of the Semester. These examinations will have both oral and written components. The examinations will be marked and letter grades will be given accordingly.

Reading material: A new Marathi Workbook will be ready for you. It includes the script, the lessons, some grammar rules, language games, songs and lots of drills and practice exercises.