



Gateway to Khmer (G2K)

Frequently Asked Questions

We have gathered many questions students/ potential students might have about studying at G2K into this one document, but if your question is not answered here, or you have follow up questions, get in touch!

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ABOUT G2K

Why should I choose to study at G2K?

G2K's comprehensive curriculum was developed by experienced international professionals in the fields of language research and teaching, and focuses on listening, speaking, pronunciation and culture throughout. Our teachers have been trained extensively in-house with our own curriculum and techniques, and receive ongoing professional development.

Could you tell me information about your classes or program? What do you offer?

G2K offers 3 main types of study, that we call full-time, part-time and evening. These run on different schedules and have slightly different curriculums. We also offer a 2 week survival language course called Kickstart Khmer. Fully up to date information about our programme and schedule is available on our website, but please do ask if you have any questions.

Does G2K only teach language, or will I learn about Khmer culture too?

Culture is an integral part of the curriculum at all levels due to the strong link with culture in the Khmer language, with increased emphasis as you progress through your studies.

Are there any out of class/ social activities for students?

Most full time Level's include at least one class trip, for example to a market or other cultural activity. Other social activities happen throughout the year, and students are encouraged to attend.

Could I observe a class in action?

Yes! Please get in touch and we can arrange this. Please detail your current Khmer language level/ experience so that we can arrange an appropriate level for you to observe.

Do you offer evening/ weekend classes?

Our evening class schedule will begin on 27 & 28 September. We currently have no plans to teach classes on weekends.

Do teachers use English or Khmer in the classroom? I am not a native English speaker – will I struggle in class?

The classroom language is Khmer. Our teachers work with native speakers of many different languages, and use tools and techniques in the classroom that generally do not require students to understand English. Some teaching materials use small amounts of written English, but have been developed in such a way that they should be easily understood regardless of your English proficiency. English is our main administrative language (along with Khmer), however we make every effort to support all students with study, admin or finance questions. G2K students are also quickly able to administer their studies in Khmer.

I found G2K online but I'm not in Cambodia, how do I know your school is legitimate?

G2K was created in 2014, and has been teaching constantly since. It is registered with the Ministry of Education and Ministry of Commerce, has appropriate policies and systems in place and also follows all laws and guidelines regarding financial practice and payment of taxes (which is less common in Cambodia). If you are unsure that the school is legitimate, please do get in touch, but we also recommend finding our Facebook page so that you may see our history, and interactions with students.

STUDYING AT G2K

How do I register as a student?

You can visit in person, email or call us. We will ask you to complete a registration form – at the school or via email. Information regarding your deposit payment will also be sent with the form.

I have studied Khmer previously – can I join G2K?

We would be happy to welcome you as a student. G2K will assess your level and advise which class you should join. Assessments are available by appointment every Friday afternoon (except holidays), subject to availability. Please email info@gateway2khmer.com to make an appointment.

When will my class start?

We publish our schedules online and at our school. There are usually 8 intakes per year, with full time classes starting every 5-6 weeks and part time/ evening classes start every 10-11 weeks (depending on public holidays). Please ask at the school or email info@gateway2khmer.com if you have questions.

How many hours per day/ week will I study? Are there any differences in the curriculum for full/ part time/ evening?

Full time classes run Monday to Friday mornings from 8.30am – 12pm, including 2 short breaks.

Part time classes run 2 afternoons per week from 1.30pm and finish at either 3.45 or 5pm, including breaks – either on Monday/ Wednesday or Tuesday/ Thursday depending on your class.

Evening classes will start at 5.30/ 5.45pm and finish at 8pm, either on Monday/ Wednesday or Tuesday/ Thursday depending on your class.

Please get in touch if you have questions about which days your part time or evening class will run on.

How quickly can I complete my studies?

G2K normally runs 8 full time modules and 4 part time modules per year. It is possible to complete your full-time studies within 1 year, and part time in less than 2 years, although we do recommend taking a break part way through.

Who would I be studying with?

Our students are diverse in nationality and purpose in Cambodia, and while most work for NGO's, schools, and church/ mission organisations, others work for international agencies, private businesses or simply have a personal interest in learning Khmer.

How many students will be in my class? Do you have a maximum number?

G2K aims to offer you the best learning environment, and classes will have a maximum of 10 students. This allows for more personalised support and interaction within class.

Does G2K offer any Christian-specific content in the curriculum?

There is no Christian-specific content in Levels 1-8. For those at an advanced level (Level 7/8), we offer Christian Studies 1, 2 & 3 as additional study options ('electives'). We also offer Buddhism and Social Issues as course options, which are suitable for all advanced learners and do not contain Christian-specific topics. Not all electives run at the same time – get in touch for more information.

Does G2K have private tutors available?

Currently G2K does not offer private tutors.

How much do I have to study at home?

Home study is built into the curriculum, and varying levels of home work is issued throughout the week. Committing new language to memory requires practice, and we recommend all students use their new vocabulary as often as possible – whether with friends, neighbours, co-workers or at the market. We offer tools and support to help you do this. We also encourage all students to work with a ‘language helper’ to assist in using your learning in structured and ‘real life’ conversations. We can support students to find language helpers.

What do I need to bring to class?

Just yourself, a notebook and pen! On the first day of your studies with G2K we ask you to also bring your laptop, if you have one, so that we can install Khmer language fonts and ensure you can access our online resources. Many of our students find using a smart phone or recording device to record specific words or class sections helpful (short recordings only), but this is not required.

What resources do you provide to help my learning?

G2K will provide all classroom resources, and also has online wordlists, audio and other study materials available to support you in your studies.

How is my progress assessed?

Teachers assess progress on an ongoing basis, both informally and with tests. Also, students will be tested at the end of each module, and must pass before moving to the next level.

Are there breaks between modules?

There is usually a few days break between modules, often over a long weekend. The school does observe many Cambodian national holidays, which often allows for longer breaks within your existing module or between modules. For holiday dates, please see the schedules available at the school or email info@gateway2khmer.com for a copy.

CHANGES TO YOUR STUDIES**Can I start full-time and change to part time later (or vice versa)?**

When needs change we aim to support students to continue their studies, and it is technically possible to move from full-time to part-time, or vice versa (full modules only) as the curriculum is largely the same. However, it may not always be possible to accommodate students wishing to move if the class they wish to join is already full, or if for any reason is not running on the desired dates. If you know this may apply to you, let us know when you join, or as soon as possible, and we’ll try to do all we can to help.

I'm returning home for a period/ planning a trip, can I take a break from studies?

Yes, however, it may not always be possible to accommodate students wishing to re-join if the class they wish to join is already full, or if for any reason is not running on the desired dates. If you know this may apply to you, let us know as soon as possible, and we’ll try to do all we can to help.

I will need to take a short break in the middle of my module – should I still start it?

Yes, but please let us know as soon as possible so that we can work with you to find the best way to support you to complete your module.

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How much does it cost to study at G2K?

Our fees vary depending on the amount of classroom hours your course contains. We publish our fees online and at our school, but please ask at the school or email info@gateway2khmer.com if you have questions.

Part-time classes are cheaper than full time – why is this?

The part-time curriculum has been adapted to allow students to study over less classroom hours, and the fees charged reflect this.

Do you require a deposit?

Our classes can fill up early, so to secure a place we request a non-refundable deposit of 30% payable in advance, with the remaining balance fully paid upon arrival for classes.

How can I pay for my classes? Do you accept credit cards?

G2K accepts cash and major international credit/ debit cards on site (not AmEx), or bank transfers if you are not yet in Cambodia. If you are in Cambodia, cash is preferred.

Please get in touch if you require details to send a bank transfer, however please be aware that only the amount received will be credited to your G2K account/s. Deductions by your bank or payment provider for fees or currency conversion may leave a balance, which we will request upon arrival for classes. To mitigate this, please ensure payments are sent in USD and all relevant fees are paid by the sender.

Are discounts available if I book multiple modules?

Yes. We offer a 10% discount when students pay for 4 modules at the same time. The 4 modules cannot be shared with another student, and are non-transferable. Further terms apply to this offer, and it is subject to change without notice – please ask for details.

Are discounts available if both I and my spouse/ child/ parent study at G2K? (Jan 2018 onwards)

Yes. In addition to multiple-module discounts per student, a further 5% discount is available for each family member when making payment at the same time. Further terms apply to this offer, and it is subject to change without notice – please ask for details.

I represent a company or organisation, can we also access discounts?

G2K is the language partner of choice for many different types of organisation in Cambodia, and we would be excited to talk with you about your needs also. Organisations paying for studies on behalf of students receive all normal discounts per student - multiple-module discounts, and also family discount where applicable.