

Syllabus

Course title: Hungarian language and culture				
Language of instruction: English				
Study year and semester: Autumn 2021/22				
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Level and Code: ER-HUN-01- 20212201	Position in the Curriculum: ER	Recommended semester:	Credits: 5	Teaching hours: 48 Student workload:
Related codes:	Type: lecture/ seminar /practice/ combined	Is it open to sign-up as an elective? It is open	Specific pre-conditions to sign-up as an elective: N/A	
Interlinkages: (prerequisites, parallel units)				
Aims and Principles: The course aims at providing the means necessary to hold a basic conversation in Hungarian, as well as understand simple questions and be able to explain/ask back in the event of lack of comprehension.				
Intended learning outcomes (professional and transitive competencies): Knowledge: Students shall be familiar with and capable of handling rules related to basic Hungarian grammar notions (such as general and definite conjugation in the indicative mode of the present and the past tense, the imperative and the conditional mode, forming plurals of nouns and adjectives, forming adverbs from adjectives) Skills: With respect to grammar, the course will focus only on certain, widely used components. Students will be provided the means to ask and answer simple questions, to express their wishes, plans and necessities, to instruct others in case of need. Attitudes/attributes: By the end of the course, students are expected to be able to appreciate Hungarian culture and develop an interest in further exploring it. Fostering such an attitude shall be achieved through introducing them to both the language and its cultural background where applicable. Autonomy and Responsibility: Given the short span of the course, strong stress will be put on autonomy. Students will be encouraged to practice the knowledge acquired over the course in their everyday life, as well as to share their experience, hence the vocabulary and grammar will also evolve about topics of everyday use.				
Course content (topics and themes): 1 st class: „Hogy vagy?” („How are you”?) The Hungarian alphabet. Stress in Hungarian. Introducing oneself. The verb to be and its use. The personal pronouns. 2 nd class: „Mit csinálsz?” („What are you doing”?) Vowel harmony. Describing everyday actions. The indefinite and the definite conjugation in the present tense of the indicative mode. The objective case. 3 rd class: „Hol voltál?” („Where have you been?”) Speaking about places in Hungarian. The indefinite and the definite conjugation in the past tense of the indicative mode. 4 th class: „Hova valósi vagy?” („Where do you come from?”) Plurals of nouns and adjectives. Speaking about countries, nationalities in Hungarian. The possessive form of the noun.				

5th class „Vigyázz!” („Watch out!”) Asking and ordering. The imperative. Cardinal numbers, speaking of age and time.

6th class „Mit szeretnél?” („What would you like?”) Speaking about wishes and plans. The present tense of the conditional mode. Forming adverbs.

Specificity of the learning process:

Teaching method: Materials containing explanations shall be uploaded prior to each class and students will be required to read them beforehand and have them at hand during each class. Exercises will be handed out shortly before each class to ensure action on them is taken during, not prior to the class itself. Further exercises for autonomous work related to the material of each class will be distributed thereafter.

Schedule:

Tasks and assignments (with student notional workload): There will be only one, final assignment. Presentation shall be shared using an online platform (Teams, FB messenger, file sharing tool) prior to the beginning of the exam period.

Learning environment: Online, from home or any other place of choice, provided there is a stable network connection there.

Assessment: There will be one main assignment, a short presentation on a simple topic of each student's choice. Hungary-related topics will be welcomed, but choosing a topic that is not Hungary-related will not affect the final grade in a negative way. The presentation is expected to be recorded on video and shared using an online platform.

Assignments:

Assessment method: Oral (pre-prepared presentation)

Assessment criteria: Command of the material covered during the semester.

Calculation of grade: (weights of the achievements, assignments; ranges of rates or points)

The presentation will be rated based on vocabulary (10 points), grammar (10 points) and pronunciation (5 points). Out of maximum 25 points, scoring at least 15 will be required to pass. 17 points will be necessary to pass with a 3, 19 points to pass with a 4, and 21 and above for a 5. Points for vocabulary will be distributed based on the extent to which the student has used the words and expressions learnt in class. These being carefully selected in order to provide the basis needed for getting around in the city, becoming confident in this matter will make sure the student will be able to successfully communicate with locals in their language, being the main task and objective of the course.

Grammar skills will be rated based on intelligibility and the command of the notions learnt in class. E.g. if the vowel harmony is correct, using a wrong plural ending or adverb suffix shall not be considered a mistake. Special attention will be paid to the correct use of the indefinite and the definite conjugations, as incorrect use may cause misunderstanding in their case.

As far as pronunciation is concerned, focus will be on stress (paying attention to the first syllable rule, difference between intonations in statements and questions), and general intelligibility. Given the limited timeframe and the hence limited opportunities for joint exercise with respect to specific Hungarian sounds no requirements will be set hereto. Naturally, efforts made to delivered correct pronunciation will be appreciated and duly rewarded.

<p>Recommended readings: Documents in Word and PPT format uploaded by the lecturer. Further readings, documents, sources: Pons Beginners' Course - Hungarian - with CD - Learning Hungarian made easy - A1-A2</p>
<p>Additional information:</p>
<p>Prior learning recognition (based on application):</p>
<p>Schedule and venue for personal consultation: 8.10., 15.10., 29.10, 5.11., 12.11., 19.11. Students are encouraged to contact me on FB messenger: Minchev Vasil Aleksandrov, Skype: bulgaarlane, as well as the online app used for teaching.</p>