

DEPARTMENT OF SLAVIC LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES
UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH

Elementary B/C/S

Fall Semester 2014

Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian
(prva godina/prvi semestar)

Time: M W 6.30P.M.-8.10P.M.
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Required Textbooks: Ronelle Alexander, Ellen Elias-Bursać. Bosnian, Croatian, Serbian- A Textbook with Exercises and Basic Grammar (textbook, and three CDs), The University of Wisconsin Press, 2006.

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Morton Benson, An English- Serbo-Croatian Dictionary, University of Philadelphia Press, Philadelphia, 1979. (or later editions).

Foreign Language Course Goals: Foreign language courses develop your skills in communication across ethnic, cultural, ideological, and national boundaries, and help you develop an understanding of other cultures and patterns of thought.

Learning Objectives: During this course you will review your knowledge of basic BCS morphology and syntax, by focusing on the four language skills, namely **speaking**,

listening, reading, and writing. You will familiarize yourself with the Balkan cultures even more and increase your ability to use **effective strategies for language learning and communication.** In addition, you will describe cultural differences in countries other than your own, and demonstrate an appreciation of these differences.

The instructor's role: As a language teacher (and a native speaker and native of Montenegro) I will do my best to make our time in the classroom interesting, inspiring, and productive. We will evaluate the result at the end of the semester.

The Students' role: By registering for this course, you have chosen an opportunity to learn a major South Slavic language. The learning process requires your complete cooperation inside and outside the classroom. A very important part of your work is homework; to this, I will add that it is expected for students to hand in their homework on the day for which it was assigned. However, **if the instructor assigned it on Monday, August 25, last day to hand the homework in is Monday, September 1, otherwise you will receive no credit for the homework.**

Auditors must speak to the instructor to discuss the terms of the audit as soon as possible.

Attendance: Attendance is mandatory for all class sessions. Instructor will not review or re-teach material to students who were absent from class. Students absent from class will receive a zero for that day.

Participation: Students should come to class fully prepared. Active class participation is important to your skill development and to the success of the course. Class participation and preparation will be assessed every day, and your final score will be calculated on a scale from 0 to 5.

Homework: Written homework will be assigned for practically every class meeting and must be turned in on the day it is due. Late homework will not be accepted. Instructors will return homework promptly

Last, but – by no means – least, your own ideas are always more than welcome – only through open and creative interaction can we hope that to be successful.

Please feel free to ask for clarification on any part of the syllabus or other instructor's explanations.

Quizzes: There will be two oral quizzes during the semester (to be scheduled later).

The instructor will conduct short written quizzes, but only with the prior announcement.

Tests and Exams: There will be two tests and one midterm exam during the semester and a final exam. The test dates are as follows:

Test 1: Monday, September 29, 2014

Test 2: Monday, November 17, 2014

MIDTERM EXAM: Monday, October 27, 2014.

FINAL EXAM: will be assigned later

Presentation: Students are required to prepare one presentation on a Balkan Culture topic. Your presentation should be in English. All topics will be discussed in class with your instructor.

Your final grade will be calculated according to the following scale:

Tests and Quizzes40%

2 Oral Quizzes – 15%

Test 1 – 10%

Test 2 – 10%

Quizzes and Presentation– 5%

Exams30%

Midterm Exam – 15%

Final Exam – 15%

Attendance and Class Participation 20%

Written Homework 10%

and your final percentage will determine your final grade, as follows:

93-100 A	88-89 B+	78-79 C+	68-69 D+
90-92 A-	83-87 B	73-77 C	65-67 D
	80-82 B-	70-72 C-	64&below E

Tentative Classroom Syllabus

DAY	DATE	LESSON	TOPIC	TEXTBOOK PAGES
M	August, 25		Dobar dan! Hajde da pišemo!	
W	August, 27	1	Hajde da pišemo! Kako se zoveš?	1,2,6-7.
W	September,3	1	Šta je ovo?Ko je ovo?	2-5
M	September, 8	1	Čije je ovo?	2-3.
W	September,10	2	Ivane, hajde da brojimo!	19.
M	September,15	2	Kakvo je ovo ?	19-20.

W	September, 17	2	Šta radiš?	20,21,22
M	September, 22	2	Šta radiš?	20,21,22
W	September,24		Review	
M	September, 29		TEST 1	
W	October, 1	2	Šta vidiš?	22-24.
M	October, 6	2	Imam novu, plavu olovku.	22.27.
W	October, 8	3	Kupujem onog psa!	24-28.
T	October, 14	3	Kako ste?	35-38.
W	October, 15	3	Kuda ideš?	65-70.
M	October, 20	3	Šta više voliš?	41-42.
W	October, 22		Review	
M	October, 27		MIDTERM EXAM	
W	October, 29	4	Odakle ste?	47.
M	November, 3	4	Ovo su Markove knjige	49-50.
W	November, 5	4	I još nešto...	51-53.
M	November, 10	5	Pet mačaka i pet pasa	63-64.
W	November, 12	5	Ko dolazi?	67.
M	November, 17		TEST 2	
W	November, 19	6	Šta si radio juče?	81-83.
M	November, 24	6	Gdje živiš?	81-83.
M	December, 1	6	Moj stan	79-80.
W	December, 3		Review (Presentation)	