S540 Intermediate Ukrainian

Class meetings: TBA
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Textbooks

Required textbooks:

Зайченко Н.Ф., Воробйова С.А. (2004) Практичний курс української мови для іноземців: усне мовлення (materials will be distributed in class)

Suggested texts and materials:
Online dictionaries (http://www.slovnyk.net), Internet resources
Additional materials will be distributed in class

Course description

The Intermediate Ukrainian is designed to develop further students’ proficiency in all skills obtained during the 1st year course. The course will cover reading, writing, listening and speaking. It will focus particularly on speaking and writing. In addition to these skills, students will master translation skills into Ukrainian and vice versa. The primary course textbook by Zaychenko and Vorobyova addresses a wide range of contemporary issues in Ukrainian daily life. Throughout the course students will participate in class discussion, debates, and presentations related to the course topics. They will also write a number of compositions and present them informally to the class. Through these activities students will be reviewing and utilizing previously covered grammar and acquire new grammar points on the more complicated level. They also will be expanding their active vocabulary. Also, the course will introduce the wide range of topics regarding Ukrainian culture.

Course requirements

Attendance. Students are required to attend classes regularly and to arrive prepared and on time. All students are expected to participate voluntarily in daily classroom activities. Participation grade will be based upon the following criteria: your preparation for the class, the use Ukrainian in class, your willingness to actively participate, and your cooperation with your instructor and your peers.

Homework. Assignments will be given on a daily basis.
Oral presentations and exams. There will be two oral presentations each semester, based on themes, vocabulary, and grammar covered. Also, there will be mid-term and final exams. The exams will be focus on grammar, vocabulary, reading, writing, and listening comprehension.

The final grade will be based on the following criteria:
- Class participation: 20%
- Home assignments: 20%
- Oral presentation: 20%
- Mid-term exam: 20%
- Final exam: 20%

Syllabus

Detailed weekly syllabus will be distributed in class every Monday.

Weekly topics

1st semester

1-2 weeks  Me and my surrounding
Grammar: The imperative; the Vocative case

3-4 weeks  Meeting. Phone conversation.
Grammar: the past tense
Time expressions

5-6 weeks  In the city
Grammar: Verbs of motion; the accusative

7-8 weeks  Post office. Writing a letter.
Grammar: the Dative case (shift of consonants in the Dative)
Mid-term exam

9-10 weeks  Let’s go shopping
Grammar: the Genitive case

11-12 weeks  Daily routine.
Grammar: Possessive adjectives; short form of adjectives

13-14 weeks  Travelling
Grammar: the Future tense; time and dates

15-16 weeks  Ukrainian Holidays. Christmas and a New Year in Ukraine
Grammar: indefinite pronouns
Final exam