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| | Course title: Serbian for International Students | | | |
| Course code | Status of course | Semester | ECTS credits | Contact hours per week |
| | Elective | 1st+2nd | / | 6 |

Study programme(s): All study programmes of all departments of the University of Banja Luka

Eligibility requirements: N/A

Course objectives: This is an intensive course aimed at teaching foreign students Serbian and developing their Serbian communicative skills, whose completion will enable them to follow lectures in bachelor, master and doctoral level degree programmes. The course covers levels A1-B2 as defined by the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR). The course syllabus is flexible and allows the lessons to start at a higher level (A2 or B1), as appropriate, if students have prior knowledge of Serbian. Also, in case the level taught initially is higher than A1, students may respectively reach a level higher than that originally specified by the course objectives.

The ultimate goal of Serbian for International Students is to help attendees to develop spoken and written proficiency at level B2. This intensive 40-week course trains students in Serbian orthoepy, orthography, grammar and lexis, communicative skills, as well as particularities of the culture of Serbian-speaking countries.

Learning outcomes: On completing the course, students will be able to communicate in everyday situations, attend lectures and use references/books in Serbian, as well as sit for written and oral exams administered in Serbian.

Lecturer(s) and TA(s): Nina Govedar, MA

Teaching methods and strategies: Lectures and tutorials; integrated skills practice. Monologue, dialogue, and text-based; demonstration; roleplay; comparative method.

Course topics

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| Preparatory week | Preparation and student registration |
| Weeks 1-10 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orthoepy and orthography: basics of pronunciation of standard Serbian phonemes; Cyrillic and Latin alphabets. • Grammar: tenses – present and past; cases – nominative, genitive, accusative and locative, singular and plural, main meanings and uses; pronouns – personal, possessive and demonstrative; adjectives, comparison of adjectives; cardinal numbers. Vocabulary practice. |
| Weeks 11-20 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grammar: case uses – genitive (spatial, temporal), dative (objective, directive), accusative (spatial, temporal), instrumental (sociative, qualificative, objective, spatial, temporal, expression of means), locative (spatial); feminine nouns ending in consonants; conditional and imperative mood; future; ordinal numbers. Vocabulary practice. |
| Weeks 21-30 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grammar: cases used to express possession, qualification, spatiality, temporality; congruence; relative pronouns; adverbs and adverbial phrases and clauses; conditional clauses and clauses stating intent. Vocabulary practice. |
| Weeks 31-40 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grammar: gerunds and nouns of foreign origin; causative genitive; logical subject dative; passive voice; grammatical aspect, transgressives/verbal adverbs, grammatical mood; conditional and dependent clauses. Vocabulary practice. |

Student workload (NB: 1 contact hour = 45 minutes)

| <u>Contact hours per week</u> | <u>Total contact hours</u> |
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| 6+0, with another 4 hours of compulsory homework | 240 hours (plus 160 hours of homework) |

Both lectures and tutorials are obligatory.

Course reading list:

Маша Селимовић Момчиловић и Љубица Живанић. *Реч по реч: српски за странце – почетни*. Београд: Институт за стране језике, 2012.

Смиља Здравковић, Љубица Живанић и Бранимир Путник. *Више од речи: српски за странце –*

средњи. Београд: Институт за стране језике, 2012.

Иван Клајн. *Граматика српског језика за странце*. Београд: Завод за уџбенике, 2006.

Pavle Ćosić. *Srpski za strance. Priručnik za lektore i studente srpskog jezika*. Београд: Kornet, 2011.

Assessment and marking:

Written and oral mid-term tests; end-of-course exam.

Specific course designation: N/A

Syllabus information provided by: Nina Govedar, MA

Note: The Serbian for International Students course begins on Monday/the first weekday of the second week of September and ends the last week of June. There is a break between 24 December and 14 January. The course is taught in 3-hour sessions twice a week (a total of 6 hours per week). Students are required to complete at home the assignments they are given after each lesson, which means an additional 4 hours of homework. The total classroom workload is 240 hours, with another 160 hours done at home. The total workload of 400 hours completed intensively over two semesters enables students to reach level B2 in Serbian.

Written and oral tests are administered after every 60 hours. The end-of-course exam is organized at the end of the academic year, in the last week of June. Students who successfully pass the end-of-course exam receive a corresponding certificate of proficiency in Serbian.

All course participants are provided with the course materials free of charge.