

Course title: HUNGARIAN FROM A LINGUISTIC PERSPECTIVE

Course Code: BTEMAN101

Autumn 2019

Type: seminar

3 ECTS

Number of students: 0-20

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Time and place: Wed 18:00-19:40, room XV

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Requirements

Some background in the descriptive grammar of any language and some linguistic interest are advantages. No knowledge of Hungarian is required, but students will have the opportunity to learn some Hungarian on the way. Intermediate level (B2) English language knowledge is required.

Course Description

This course will introduce students into the study of the Hungarian language. We will focus on issues that have a broader linguistic relevance and that play a central role in the grammar of Hungarian. The course is designed in a manner that makes every class self-contained: we work with toy grammars of Hungarian, we use examples with a limited set of Hungarian words that we learn together in the classroom, and we try to describe the system and build elementary rules together. Wherever relevant, we compare Hungarian to other languages, and we discuss what aspects of the language are easy for an average language learner and what aspects require more demanding.

By the end of this course, students will have an understanding of the fundamentals of Hungarian grammar, and they will also have learnt some Hungarian.

Requirements

1. *Class attendance and participation.* Note that more than three absences will result in failing the entire course.
2. *End-term test.* The test is going to be based on material covered throughout the sessions.

Grading

Grading is based on the evaluation of your classroom work (10%), and a multiple choice endterm test of 30 questions at the end of the course (90%).

If your overall performance is below 51% (you are about to fail the course), one endterm retake possibility will be provided.

GRADING POLICY	
Overall percentage	Grade
87-100%	5
75-86%	4
63-74%	3
51-62%	2
0-50 %	1

Schedule

WEEK	DATE	TOPIC	INSTRUCTOR
1	2019-09-11	The ethnogenesis of Hungarians and the birth of the Hungarian language	György Rákosi
2	2019-09-18	<i>YouDay – no class</i>	
3	2019-09-25	The sound system of Hungarian	György Rákosi
4	2019-10-02	The expression of numerical concepts in Hungarian	György Rákosi
5	2019-10-09	The Hungarian verb and its dependents	Éva Kardos
6	2019-10-16	Hungarian postpositions	Éva Kardos
7	2019-10-23	<i>National holiday – no class</i>	
8	2019-10-30	<i>Consultation week – no class</i>	
9	2019-11-06	Hungarian verbal particles	Éva Kardos
10	2019-11-13	Basic Hungarian sentence structure	Péter Szűcs
11	2019-11-20	Word order variation in Hungarian	Péter Szűcs
12	2019-11-27	Subordinate clauses in Hungarian	Péter Szűcs
13	2019-12-04	<i>Endterm test</i>	Péter Szűcs

Recommended reading material:

Kenesei István, Robert M. Vago & Fenyvesi Anna. 1998. *Hungarian*. Taylor & Francis: Routledge, London.