



CET Academic Programs in Prague, Czech Republic  
Central European Studies and Jewish Studies  
**Beginning Czech Language**  
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### **Course Description:**

The course aims at giving students basic information on the Czech grammatical system (most of the cases and tenses are introduced). The communicative aspect is emphasized, students are supposed to communicate in various situations (introducing oneself, asking about direction, shopping, restaurant, daily routine, likes and dislikes, invitation, weather etc.) using everyday vocabulary. Various linguistic skills should be developed in balance: grammatical knowledge, comprehension, speaking, writing.

### **Overall Goals of the Course:**

- to be able to communicate in various situations of everyday life
- to acquire a basic image of a grammatical and conceptual system of Czech

### **Required Reading:**

Rejzek, J: Czech it out I-II

### **Grading System:**

<b>Participation</b> (attendance, homework, class performance)	<b>40%</b>
<b>Final Test</b>	<b>40%</b>
<b>Quizzes</b>	<b>20%</b>

### **Course Schedule:**

#### **Intensive Course**

Day 1: Pronunciation. Greetings, basic phrases. How to address people. The verb "to be" (present tense). What is that? Who is that? Classification of nouns.

Day 2: Where are you from? Minidialogues. Introducing oneself. Numerals. Game. Demonstrative pronouns and numeral "one". Adjectives.

Day 3: Adverbs of place and direction. Where is...? Possessive pronouns. My room. Present tense – types 1,2.

Day 4: Accusative sg. F. Minidialogues – shopping. Food.

Day 5: Accusative sg. MA. Which Czech authors (athletes, politicians, artists) do you know? Songs. Field trip.

Semestral Course:

### **Week 1**

Quiz 1. Likes and dislikes.

Verbs “vědět, znát, umět”. At the restaurant, ordering, tipping.

### **Week 2**

Present tense – types 3a, 3b

Present tense – exercises. Temporal expressions.

### **Week 3**

Useful adverbs and particles. Days of the week.

Quiz 2. The verbs “jít, jet” and prepositions of direction.

### **Week 4**

What I do in Prague (daily routine, weekly program).

Nom., Acc. Pl. (without Masc. Anim.)

### **Week 5**

Modal verbs.

Perfective and imperfective verbs – a preview.

### **Week 6**

Quiz 3. Indefinite and negative pronouns.

Shopping, services (dialogues).

### **Week 7**

Past tense.

Past tense (cont.). Where were you? What did you do yesterday?

### **Week 8**

Quiz 4. Instrumental case of nouns.

How can I get to...? Asking about direction.

### **Week 9**

Reflexive particles *se, si*. My trips (text).

Description of a trip. Field trip.

**Week 10**

Quiz 5. Genitive sg.

Ordinal numerals. What is the date?

**Week 11**

Determinate and indeterminate verbs.

An invitation. Theatre. Movies.

**Week 12**

Quiz 6. Locative sg.

Weather. Revision.

**Week 13**

Final Test.

Correction of the test. Songs.