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Program: CET Prague

Course Code / Title: (PR/LANG 150) Beginning Czech Language 2

Total Hours: 45

Recommended Credits: 3

Primary Discipline: Czech Language

Language of Instruction: Czech/English

Prerequisites/Requirements: Beginning level Czech language course

Description

The course is defined as a continuation course for students that have previously taken a beginning level course in the Czech language. The course focuses on improving reading, writing and speaking skills in Czech. Participants do exercises in verb usage in present, past and future tenses. There are also activities with modal verbs, verbs of motion, and proper usage of adjectives and adverbs. The course also emphasizes basic communication skills through speaking about everyday situations (describing family, asking for and giving directions, talking about plans, inviting/visiting someone, doctor appointments, etc.). Writing skills are practiced in the writing and correcting of several essays during the term.

Objectives

In this course, students will:

- build upon their basic Czech skills
- gain better oral and written communication abilities in Czech
- Expand and enrich their active vocabulary on different topics and fields of interest
- become familiar and engage with various aspects of Czech culture (musicians, artists, food, landmarks, traditions etc.).
- achieve A1 level proficiency (CEFR)

Course Requirements

Participation

Given the nature of language classes, it is imperative that students attend class regularly. Students are expected to abide by CET's attendance policy. Participation is required and constitutes a part of the final grade.

Students are expected to come to class fully prepared. This means:

- Completing all homework assignments, written and spoken, on time
- Reviewing all newly introduced material after each class
- Previewing all new grammar patterns and vocabulary before coming to class
- Writing compositions as assigned
- Memorizing new vocabulary
- Practicing Czech skills as much as possible outside of the classroom

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Quizzes: There will be two midterm quizzes, each focussing on the specific material introduced prior to the quiz. The quizzes include written, listening, reading, and speaking components.

Final examination: At the end of the term there is a comprehensive final exam. It includes written, listening, reading, and speaking components.

Homework and cultural activities: There will be regular brief homework assignments throughout the term. Credit is given for the completion of the assignments – they are not graded on content (e.g. right/wrong answers). In addition, there are five short cultural assignments to be completed outside of class time. These are connected to topics covered in the class or on field-based excursions.

Presentations: Students will do two in-class presentations during the term.

- Grammar presentation: a review of all grammar topics - students prepare their own presentation on a chosen topic
- Speaking presentation: a review of all communication topics - students have the option to talk or have dialogue about different topics

Essay: Students write one essay with a minimum of 60 words. The content of the essay is an email to their friend, in which they discuss different topics connected with their everyday life in the Czech Republic: how they are doing, what they do every day, what they are planning to do, places they have visited, the place where they live, about their friends, etc.

Grading

The final grade is determined as follows:

Participation (in-class performance)	10%
Homework and cultural activities	10%
Presentations (2x2%)	4%
Essay	6%
Quizzes (1x15%, 1x20%)	35%
Final examination	35%

Textbook

Lída Holá, Pavla Bořilová: *Čeština expres 2 (A1/2)*, Akropolis, 2011.

Outline of Course Content

1 – Plánování. Futurum.

Planning. Future tense.

2 – Kam půjdete nebo pojedete? Prepozice do, na, k. Kde x kam?

Where are you going? Prepositions “do, na, k”. Expressing location X Expressing direction.

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3 – Píšeme e-mail.

Writing an email.

4 – Kde bydlíme? Barvy. Plurál.

Where do we live? Colors. Plural.

5 – Obchody a služby.

Shops and services.

6 – Cestujeme. Dopravní prostředky. Hlášení. Orientace. Verba jít - chodit, jet - jezdit; přijít, přijet, odejít, odjet.

Traveling. Transportation. Announcements. Orientation. Verbs to go, to come, to leave.

7 – Návštěva. – Pozvání na návštěvu. Na návštěvě.

Visit. Inviting for a visit. Visiting someone.

8 – U doktora. Lidské tělo.

At the doctor's. Parts of the body.

9 – Pozdravy a přání. Svátky, narozeniny...

Greetings and wishes. Holidays, birthdays...

The course also includes several field study course components throughout the semester, for example visiting a restaurant, going to Vyšehrad castle, scavenger hunt in the city center, etc.