

CIEE Budapest, Hungary

Course Syllabus

Course Title: Communicative Hungarian Language

Course Code: HUNG 1001 BUDP

Programs offering course: CES
Language of instruction: English
U.S. Semester Credits: 1
Contact Hours: 15

Term: Summer semester 2019, Session 1, 2, 3

Introduction

Besides establishing patterns for sentence structure, students will be able to assimilate pronunciation, intonation and vocabulary by actively participating in the lesson and by listening to the recorded materials.

Aims, objectives, and description of the course

In order to be able to speak Hungarian with confidence from day one, students are exposed to a balanced treatment of grammar, vocabulary, pronunciation and skills combined with communicative strategies.

Learning outcomes

Using the grammar and vocabulary gradually mastered (see *Detailed class schedule*), students will be able to do the following at an elementary level by the end of the semester:

- introduce themselves in Hungarian (nationality, profession, foreign language skills, etc.)
- speak about their likes and dislikes, hobbies and interests, preferences; possessions, their physical state
- comprehend basic spoken messages
- perform everyday actions (shopping, ordering in a restaurant, buying tickets, making arrangements, asking for directions, decoding culturally relevant messages, etc.)
- read signs and simple instructions
- write simple messages and fill in simple forms

Methodology

Using the most up-to-date methods of guided discovery and self-discovery, students are exposed to everyday situations in Hungarian in a challenging way (pair-work, group-work, presentation, role-play).

Prerequisites

None.

Course Requirements



Assignments:

Besides the exercises in the course book, students are requested to do additional out-of-class assignments (mostly worksheets).

Assessment, grading:

Grades are <u>earned</u> by the students based on their class attendance, class participation, their achievements in the assignments (group or otherwise) and any quizzes, homework and mid-session and final exam (where applicable).

Grades are <u>not negotiable</u>. Any attempt at negotiation may potentially result in official disciplinary action!

Cheating, plagiarism

Any attempt at cheating at examinations shall result in an automatic "F" (fail) grade.

Assessment, grading:

Class attendance and participation	20%
Quizzes	40%
Homework assignments	10%
Final exam	30%

CIEE- Budapest Class Attendance Policy

Class attendance is mandatory as participation in the classes is an essential part of understanding and learning the subject. Each student is expected to attend all sessions, participate actively in discussions and during field trips. Attendance is registered by the course instructor at the beginning of each class. Professors do not excuse absences.

An absence can be excused only for medical reasons or other extraordinary situations. If a student is sick, s/he must visit a doctor on the day that s/he is sick and get an official note from the doctor. The student then submits that note to the CIEE Academic Assistant. For other extraordinary situations, the student must contact the CIEE Program Coordinator to request an excuse.

Students are allowed **one unexcused absence** for the course per the whole summer program. This assumes a course schedule of 3-hour block meetings per day. This allowed unexcused absence should be used for situations such as when one does not necessarily need to see a doctor or has some personal situation that prevents the student from attending class. Allowed unexcused absence should not be used in a planned way for travel or other extracurricular events. Late arrival to class can be counted as a partial or full absence (more than 50% individual class time missed is considered an absence).



A second unexcused absence after the one allowed causes the course grade to be lowered by one full final grade. Students with 3 or more unexcused absences will automatically fail the course. This is a CIEE Budapest rule that applies to all CIEE courses.

Students with excessive absences will be notified, as well as the student's study abroad advisor.

Week 1	Theme 1: Introduction and Basic Communicational Situations
	Content of the teaching units:
	Hungarian language structure, Hungarian sounds - Vowel harmony
Week 2:	Theme 2: Basic Communicational Situations
	Content of the teaching units:
	Numbers - Measures of weight – Indefinite conjugation
Week 3	Theme 3: Meals: Verbs, Adverbs, and Adjectives
	Content of the teaching units: Szeret, tud - Infinitives – Time adverbs Jön, megy - Place adverbs 1. – Plural forms Points of the compass - Time adverbs – Place adverbs 2. Meals – Place adverbs 3. – Irregular verbs - Adjectives Mid-session exam.
Week 4	Theme 4: The Economy of the Hungarian Language
	Content of the teaching units:
	Parts of the body – Possessive suffixes 1 My Family, My Friends: Possessive suffixes 2 – Letter writing
	Past Tense 1. – <i>már voltam/még nem voltam</i>
	Past Tense 2. – Negation: nem, hanem
	Buying tickets - Definite and indefinite conjugation
	Communicational strategies
	<u>Final exam</u>

Bibliography

Compulsory reading:

Mária Sántha: PONS Beginners Course Hungarian (Second edition, Klett Kiadó Kft, 2012)



Recommended readings:
Handouts, brochures, everyday materials from the hosting country