



CIEE in Prague, Czech Republic

Course Title:	Communicative Czech Language
Course Code:	CZEC 0001 PRAG
Programs offering course:	CES, CNMJ, PSYC, Prague-Paris PC
Language of instruction:	Czech
U.S. Semester Credits:	1
Contact Hours:	15
Term:	Summer 2018
Session:	Session 1 (May 21 – June 18) Session 2 (June 18 – July 16) Session 3 (July 16 – August 12)

Course Description

This course is designed for students who:

- have little or no previous knowledge of Czech language.
- are NOT interested in continuing their study of Czech (or other Slavic languages) into the future, and only wish to learn basic skills in communicating during their study program in Prague.
- practice using language in everyday situations through role-playing, out-classes, etc.

This language course provides the linguistic tools necessary both for students to make themselves understood as well as to enable them to gain a better understanding of the way of life in the Czech Republic. Successful communication is the main goal.

Throughout the course, lessons will be sequenced from presentation activities to guided practice activities to communicative activities. Because language practice should be meaningful, it will be communicative and based on situations with the emphasis on “real” language.

Learning Objectives

This course is designed to:

- develop students’ practical knowledge of Czech language.
- allow students to function in „everyday situations“ (i.e. restaurants, cafes, shops, farmers markets, pharmacy, ticket inspections, etc.) so as to allow greater integration with Czech culture and society.
- promote greater confidence in speaking Czech language.
- provide the most basic foundation necessary for gaining conversational ability, limiting the amount of formal grammar study to the minimum, and focusing instead on situations, pronunciation, and understanding basic phrases.
- Upon the completion of this course, the student reach the following levels:
 - Listening: *Student can understand familiar words and very basic phrases, when people speak slowly and clearly.*
 - Reading: *Student can understand familiar names, words and very simple sentences, for example on menu, signs, etc.*



- Spoken Interaction: *Student can interact a simple way provided the other person is prepared to repeat or rephrase things at slower rate of speech and help him/her formulate what he/she is trying to say.*
- Writing: *Student can fill in forms with personal details; for example entering his/her name, nationality and address and a hotel registration*

Course Prerequisites

None

Methods of Instruction

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| • Quizzes | 20 % |
| • Final exam | 40 % |
| • Homework | 20 % |
| • Active participation in class and activities | 20 % |

Course Requirements

Homework (oral and written exercises, dialogues, etc.) assigned for each class meeting.

CIEE Prague Class Participation Policy

Assessment of students' participation in class is an inherent component of the course grade. Participation is valued as **meaningful contribution in the digital and tangible classroom**, utilizing the resources and materials presented to students as part of the course. Students are required to actively, meaningfully and thoughtfully contribute to class discussions and all types of in-class activities throughout the duration of the class. Meaningful contribution requires students to be prepared, as directed, in advance of each class session. This includes valued or informed engagement in, for example, small group discussions, online discussion boards, peer-to-peer feedback (after presentations), interaction with guest speakers, and attentiveness on co-curricular and outside-of-classroom activities.

Students are responsible for following the course content and are expected to ask clarification questions if they cannot follow the instructor's or other students' line of thought or argumentation.

The use of electronic devices is only allowed for computer-based in-class tests, assignments and other tasks specifically assigned by the course instructor. Students are expected to take notes by hand unless the student is entitled to the use of computer due to his/her academic accommodations. In such cases the student is required to submit an official letter issued by his/her home institution specifying the extent of academic accommodations.

Class participation also includes students' active participation in Canvas discussions and other additional tasks related to the course content as specified by the instructor.

CIEE Prague Attendance Policy

CIEE Prague attendance policy corresponds to that delineated in the participant contract. Specific details will be published in the semester syllabus.

CIEE Academic Honesty Statement

Presenting work of another person as one's own, failure to acknowledge all sources used, using unauthorized assistance on exams, submitting the same paper in two classes, or submitting work one



has already received credit for at another institution in order to fulfill CIEE course requirements is not tolerated. The penalty ranges from failure in the course to dismissal from the program. The Academic Director should be consulted and involved in decision making in every case of a possible violation of academic honesty.

Daily Schedule

Day 1	I'll have ... (How to order in a restaurant) Numbers 0-20 Survival Czech: Hi. Please. Thank you. You're welcome. Do you speak English? Pronunciation I
Day 2	I'll have ... (How to tip in a restaurant) Numbers 20-199 Survival Czech: Check, please. Split the bill, please. Do you accept credit cards? Pronunciation II
Day 3	In a taxi (How to get home safe and sound) Survival Czech: left, right, straight, stop, here Numbers: 200-1000 Pronunciation III
Day 4	On a tram (How to avoid paying a fine when you do not have your tram pass on you.) Survival Czech: Sorry. I am a student studying at CIEE. I left my tram pass at home. Pronunciation IV Quiz 1
Day 5	Where is ? Tourist places in Prague, Public Transportation Survival Czech: tram stop, metro station, airport, pharmacy, restaurant, police, Pronunciation V
Day 6	Do you have ...? (How to shop: Grocery store/Farmers market) Survival Czech: No, thank you. That is all. How much is ...?
Day 7	Emergency Survival Czech: shock, pulls, breath Quiz 2
Day 8	What is the weather like? (Small talk)
Day 9	Review
Day 10	Final exam, Feedback

Course Materials

Czech-English, English - Czech Dictionary
Czech Summer 2016

Supplementary reading
handouts

