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Elementary Ukrainian

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Time TH 11:00am-12:40pm

Classroom 137 CL

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Required textbook: Beginner's Ukrainian with Interactive Online Workbook
(Ukrainian Edition) by [Yuri I. Shevchuk](#)

Goals:

The purpose of this course is for the students to develop elementary proficiency in

speaking, reading, listening, and writing in Ukrainian, while acquiring some basic knowledge of Ukrainian culture, history, geography, and way of life.

Upon completion of the course, students who have attended classes on a regular basis,

successfully completed all assignments and all tests and exams (with a minimum grade of

B-) should be able to:

- provide basic information in Ukrainian, both orally and in writing, about themselves, families, likes and dislikes, everyday activities, studying, as well as some immediate needs, such as ordering food and making simple purchases;

- understand and participate in a simple exchanges on everyday topics (e.g., meeting

people, school, shopping, etc.) in most common informal settings;

- use and understand a range of essential vocabulary related to everyday life

Course requirements:

a. Attendance is mandatory. Students who miss a class are expected to make up for all missed material including home assignments, quizzes, and tests.

Students are asked to come to class on time and to consult with the instructor in advance of any anticipated absences.

b. Written homework assignments are due on the date indicated.

Students are to submit their assignments at the end of class without additional reminder.

Oral preparation is as important as all written work and will greatly improve your ability to participate in class and develop your Ukrainian. You are required to participate in pair and/or group work on a regular basis in order to improve your speaking skills.

c. Tests and quizzes. The dates of chapter tests are announced by the instructor at the beginning of work on each new chapter. Tests are cumulative, i.e. they include all previous material. No-shows will receive a grade of zero. Tests and announced quizzes must be taken on time unless you are ill and call the instructor before the test. Quiz scores are part of your class work grade.

d. Grading. The course grade will be determined according to the following formula:

in-class activity (including oral performance) 25%
 written homework (submitted on time) 25%
 tests 20%
 final exam 30%

Your final percentage will determine your final grade, as follows:

95-100 A+	94-93 A	90-92 A-
88-89 B+	83-87 B	80-82 B-
78-79 C+	73-77 C	70-72 C-
68-69 D+	65-67 D	64 & below E

Tentative Classroom Syllabus

Date	Topic	
January, 5	Accusative singular. Future tense .Future possibility.	
January,10	Adverb. Expressing future possibility.	
January,12	Genitive case.	
January,17	Numerals. Expressions of quantity.	
January,19	Prices. Ukrainian currency. Expressions of quantity 5 and more +noun	
January,24	Shopping vocabulary. Buying groceries.	
January,26	Time by the clock.	
January,31	Dative singular.	

February,2	Expressing uncertainty, need, desire.	
February,7	Ukrainian national cuisine.	
February,9	Ordering food in restaurant.	
February,14	Time by the clock.	
February,16	Instrumental case.	
February,21	midterm exam	
February,23	means of transportation	
February,28	Imperfective and perfective future tenses.	
March, 1	Motion verbs.	
March, 13	Asking for and giving directions.	
March, 15	Going on a trip.	
March, 20	Genitive, Accusative and Locative plural	
March, 22	Comparison of adjectives and adverbs.	
March, 27	Booking a hotel.	
March, 29	Reflexive verbs.	
April, 3	A visit to a doctor. Health problems.	
April, 5	Impersonal sentences. Conditional sentences.	
April, 10	Personal opinion.	
April, 12	Revision 1 Declension of nouns, adjectives, pronouns.	
April, 17	Revision 2 Verb Conjugation. Past tense. Aspects.	
April, 19	Revision 3 Imperative. Modal verbs. Verbs of motion.	