

HUNGARI 100 - READINGS IN HUNGARIAN

INFORMATION

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Meeting Time: Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 11:00 AM – 11:59 AM

Online meeting link: Send an email to the instructor for the Zoom link a day before our first meeting.

Office hours: By appointments on Zoom

PREREQUISITES

The class requires prior knowledge of the Hungarian language. Based on a language assessment, it can be satisfied by Hungarian 1A and 1B or by the instructor's consent. You can repeat the course for credits.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The course will explore fascinating aspects of Hungarian culture, including literature, film, and folklore elements. Material selections will reflect the student's individual needs, goals, and interests. The course helps students to improve their Hungarian language skills, regardless of their levels. Teaching considers students' personal goals and interests.

PROFICIENCY OBJECTIVES

The class will accommodate students with different Hungarian language backgrounds. Therefore, we will determine your proficiency levels and establish your personal goals at the beginning of the semester.

READINGS AND MATERIALS USED

The instructor will provide all materials, including readings, handouts, videos, voice files, news texts, and internet resources. The list of main readings includes classic Hungarian works of literature depending on students' interests.

- Online dictionary: <https://translate.google.hu>
- DeepL Translator: <https://www.deepl.com/translator>
- Any traditional paper dictionaries if you wish to buy one.

MANDATORY HUNGARIAN KEYBOARD / SOFTWARE

- It is mandatory to set up the Hungarian keyboard with Hungarian characters – selecting Hungarian QWERTY – on the language section of your computer. Please look it up on the internet on how to do it
- Microsoft Word with Hungarian Language Package. You can download the software at <https://software.berkeley.edu> (It is free for registered UC Berkeley students.)

INTERNET LINKS

- Quizlet for Vocabulary Learning, you will need to register to access our Quizlet page.
- Verbix for verb conjugations site: <http://www.verbix.com/languages/hungarian.shtml>
- FORVO, a Hungarian pronunciation dictionary with 71,000 words recorded by native speakers: <https://forvo.com/languages/hu/>

EXPECTATIONS

- Attend all classes.
- You will have weekly assignments based on your language level.
- You will create a presentation related to Hungary on your chosen topic, which you want to research, and present your findings at the end of the semester.

ATTENDANCE

- Attendance is mandatory.
- If you have any difficulties, please notify me immediately.
- If you miss a class due to health problems or emergencies, please let me know as soon as possible. I will help you to catch up.
- In all cases, you must make up the works according to our arrangements.

MEASURING PROGRESS

- Assigned works 50%
- Presentation 50%

IMPORTANT DATES

- 8/25 Thursday is the 1st day of our class meetings.
- Assignments are due on Tuesdays before our classes, by 12:30 PM.
- 11/1 Tuesday: turn in your presentation topic choice.
- 11/8 Tuesday: turn in the rough outline of your presentation research.
- 11/15 Monday evening: turn in the finalized presentation text
- On 11/17 and 11/22, we meet for individual reading practice and writing consultation during class time.
- 11/29 Tuesday and 12/1 Thursday, you can choose the day you want to present. It will be in class, synchronously online. You can select the actual day.

FINAL PRESENTATION

- You will choose a topic you would research with enthusiasm, find sources with relative ease, submit a detailed explanation, and include the sources you will use.
- The writing will be creating connected cohesive sentences that can explain your topic clearly.
- You can choose any presentation formats that can be well illustrated. Using a significant number of relevant images will help to understand everyone your topic better.
- The presentation will be in class via Zoom when you can share your findings with your peers.
- Grading depends on turning in all steps on time, following the instructions, the clarity of your writing and speaking, and the illustrations.
- Detailed information will be available in the bCourses assignment section.

SCHEDULE

- Detailed information will be posted by our first meeting.