

HUNGARI 1A — INTRODUCTORY HUNGARIAN



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BASIC INFORMATION

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Meeting time: Tuesday and Thursday: 12:30 PM – 2:00 PM

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

Office hours: After classes or by appointments.

THREE- OR FOUR-UNIT OPTIONS

You can choose to take Hungarian 1A for either three or four units. If you select the four-unit option, please talk to me to arrange extra independent work at the beginning of the course.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The course will build your practical language survival skills in a socio-cultural context. We will explore some intriguing aspects of Hungarian culture, including contemporary and historical events, literature, pop culture, and folklore. Students' interests and goals will influence the material selections. The introductory 1A course is followed by the spring semester's 1B class, which builds on the first semester.

EXPECTATIONS

You can expect to spend time on preparation for classes, working on assignments, computer-assisted vocabulary learning, and practice speaking. As an alternative to final, you will create a presentation on a topic of your choice – related to Hungary – during the semester. Grading depends on performance on the assigned works, online quizzes, and final presentation.

OBJECTIVES FOR COMPLETING THE 1A COURSE

By the end of the first semester, you will follow some essential interpersonal, interpretive, and presentational communications if you are familiar with the topic. Your actual progress will depend on you, mainly on the amount of time in Hungarian. Supplementary language exposure will lead to a faster learning curve.

Interpersonal Communication

- You will be able to pronounce Hungarian that will allow native Hungarians understand if they are familiar with non-native speakers.
- You will understand and engage in straightforward conversations on the essential aspects of daily life.
- You will personalize and adapt memorized information to a limited degree in conversational contexts.

Interpretive Communication

- You will read and listen to various uncomplicated texts, mainly relating to familiar situations.
- With significant dictionary help, you will be able to interpret some authentic materials in Hungarian, including samples of literature, songs, and folktales.

Presentational Communication

- You will create a presentation on a Hungary-related topic of your choice in Hungarian, which will allow you to understand the cultural context.
- You will research the topic using sources in English, which will enable you to understand the cultural background on a deeper level.
- You will present your findings in Hungarian by using sentences you wrote and heavy visual aids.

TEACHING MATERIALS

We will use the following textbook and rely on handouts, online resources, and various original Hungarian written, visual, audio, and video materials.

- József Erdős and Csilla Prileszky: Halló, Itt Magyarország! Student Book I. (Hungarian Edition) [Paperback] 2005. Akadémia kiadó. Budapest, Hungary. ISBN: 9789630595773.

You can order the book online or from the UC Berkeley bookstore. (You might want to compare the prices. If you order the book from Hungary, check the delivery fee. If you order from the bookstore, ask them if it is in stock.)
https://akademiai.hu/1347/course_books/hungarian/hallo_itt_magyarország_1_kotet_letoltheto_hanganyaggal_virtualis_melleklettel

DICTIONARY POSSIBILITIES

- Online dictionary: <https://translate.google.hu>
- DeepL Translator: https://www.deepl.com/translator?utm_source=lingueebanner1&il=en
- Any traditional paper dictionaries

MANDATORY HUNGARIAN KEYBOARD / SOFTWARE

- It is mandatory to set up the Hungarian keyboard with Hungarian characters on 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 will help you learn vocabulary. You will need to register to access our Quizlet page.
<https://quizlet.com/class/7561666/>

- Verbix helps verb conjugations: <http://www.verbix.com/languages/hungarian.shtml>
- FORVO has a strong pronunciation dictionary in Hungarian. Native speakers recorded approximately 71,000

WHAT TO EXPECT DURING THE SEMESTER?

- Attend all classes and make up any missed classes.
- Prepare for classes.
- Complete the weekly assignments and other tasks on time.
- Be active in class, interact with your classmates, collaborate, and research topics with your classmates.
- Expand your knowledge of the Hungarian culture.
- Create a presentation in several small steps. Choose a topic you want to research enthusiastically and give a short, language-level appropriate presentation at the end of the semester. The presentation serves as a final.

ATTENDANCE

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

MEASURING PROGRESS

- Assignments for home 25%
- Short quizzes 15%
- Presentation topic choice and research 15%
- Presentation writing 15%
- Presentation preparation 15%
- Presentation in class 15%

GRADING

- Letter or Credit/No Credit options
- Percentage score (%)
- The grade of A+, when awarded, represents extraordinary achievement but does not receive grade-point credit beyond the grade of A.

93-100 = A	78-79.99 = C+
90-92.99 = A-	73-77.99 = C
88-89.99 = B+	<u>70-72.99 = C-</u> (Minimum to pass)
83-87.99 = B	60-69.99 = D
80-82.99 = B-	Below 60 = F

CALENDAR

Please check the calendar weekly. Assignments will be posted by Friday evening and will always be due the following Tuesday before our meeting.

Important Dates for 2022

- 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.

NOTE

- The course schedule will be posted online by the first class on 8/24/22 on bCourses.