SYLLABUS

Elementary Turkish I: TURKISH 101 (2 hours)

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Course Description:

The course is designed for students who are interested in learning about other cultures and languages, and who have no previous knowledge of Turkish language. This course mainly introduces the student to Turkish language, thorough the development of the basic skills: listening, speaking, reading and writing. The ultimate goal of the course is that students will gain awareness and appreciation of and insight into the Turkish culture through learning Turkish.

By the end of the course, the students will

1. be able to comprehend simple sentences in Turkish;
2. be able to speak beginner level Turkish, producing sentences for introducing themselves, carrying on meaningful conversation, shopping or asking for assistance, etc;
3. have and use a basic Turkish vocabulary range and will be able to conjugate for case, person, and present tense;
4. have developed and used language learning strategies that will help not only with improving their Turkish, but with learning other languages too.

Texts: No textbooks required. Handouts will be provided each week. Check course website for recommended Turkish books.

Attendance and Participation:

All students are expected to attend each class. Send an email in advance if you will miss the class so that we can xerox handouts as much as needed. If you will miss the class but still want to get your handout (next class or from my office) please mention this in the email.

While Learning Turkish,

- Don’t be afraid of making mistakes. It is impossible to learn a language without making them and being corrected.
- Use what you learn as soon as you have a chance. Review previous lessons frequently, and make your own vocabulary notebook which will help you control your learning.
- Participate in group repetition in class. It may seem mechanical, but it helps to build the skills needed for individual speech.
- Open your mind to the different and to the new. Not only Turkish, but every language has its own mentality, and comparing it to English will not help. Also try to avoid any prejudices and preconceptions.
- Do not let any interruption break the continuity of your involvement with the Turkish language.
- Remember this may lead to an interesting career opportunity one day...
- Enjoy yourself!
WEEKLY COURSE PLAN

Week 1: September 11-13;

Topics:

✓ Alphabet and Pronunciation
✓ Basic expressions
✓ Vowel harmony

Functions: Greeting people, Saying goodbye, Asking about health and well-being, Thanking, Apologizing

Week 2: September 18-20;

Topics:

✓ Personal pronouns
✓ Present tense statements with the verb to be
✓ Negation of the present tense verb to be
✓ Demonstratives (this, that)
✓ The conjunctions ve, ile, ama

Week 3: September 25-27;

Topics:

✓ Introductions
✓ Numbers
✓ Locations

Functions: Introducing oneself, Asking yes / no questions, Asking directions, Expressing location

Week 4: October 2-4;

Topics:

✓ Plurals of nouns
✓ Forming questions (ne, kim, nasıl)
✓ Yes / no questions with the present tense verb to be
✓ The locative case (Nerede, burada, şurada, orada)

Week 5: October 9-11;

Topics:

✓ Nationalities
✓ Cities and countries
✓ Colors
✓ The interrogative pronoun: kimin
✓ Possessive suffixes

Functions: Asking people where they are from, Expressing possession
Week 6: October 16-18;

Topics:
- Consonant alternations: -p, -ç, -t, -k in final position
- Imperative Form

Week 7: October 23-25-30;

Topics:
- Addresses
- Occupations
- The verb to have (Var / yok)
- Kaç and tane
- Positive/Negative Potential (can/can’t)

Functions: Exchanging addresses and phone numbers, Talking about food and prices, Giving orders, Making requests, Asking about age

Week 8: November 1-6;

Topics:
- Families
- Relatives
- Present progressive tense
- Comparison of adjectives

Functions: Asking about and describing families, Asking about wishes, Expressing wishes

Week 9: November 8-13-15;

Topics:
- Dates and times
- Units of time, days, months, seasons
- Ordinal numbers
- Simple past tense

Week 10: November 20-22;

Topics:
- Simple Present Tense

Week 11: November 27-29;

Topics:
- Future Tense

Week 12: December 4-6;

Topics:
- Review