

Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian IV (A005462)

Course size *(nominal values; actual values may depend on programme)*

Credits 6.0 **Study time** 180 h

Course offerings and teaching methods in academic year 2023-2024

A (semester 2) Bosnian, Croatian, Serbian Gent seminar
independent work

Lecturers in academic year 2023-2024

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Offered in the following programmes in 2023-2024

	crdts	offering
Bachelor of Arts in East European Languages and Cultures	6	A
Exchange Programme East European Languages and Cultures	6	A

Teaching languages

Croatian, Serbian, Bosnian

Keywords

Serbian/Croatian/Bosnian, linguistics, text analysis

Position of the course

This is an advanced course, following Serbian/Croatian/Bosnian III. The course comprises a thorough study of the most important text types of the Serbian/Croatian/Bosnian language on the basis of numerous texts, including exercises. The aim of the course is to improve the students' reading skills and analysis of specialised texts in Serbian/Croatian/Bosnian and to teach students to independently produce general and/or specialised texts, both in written and spoken form. The CEFR level is B2. Exchange students may take up this course unit, for which no prior knowledge of Dutch is required.

Contents

The course consists of two parts. The first part elaborates on the grammatical and lexical knowledge of the language and provides further practice of oral skills. In the second part a wide range of representative text types on particular subjects (literary, journalistic, scientific and everyday language use) will be read and carefully analysed. The students will give an oral presentation on a subject that is related to the themes that have been discussed.

Initial competences

Students have successfully completed Serbian/Croatian/Bosnian III or have an equivalent proficiency in Serbian/Croatian/Bosnian.

Final competences

- 1 Advanced knowledge of Serbian/Croatian/Bosnian grammar
- 2 Understanding extended discourses and lectures and following complex arguments about a general topic
- 3 Reading original texts of intermediate complexity in different genres
- 4 Talk about complex topics
- 5 Writing a coherent text about a complex, though familiar topic

- 6 To get acquainted with the culture in the broadest sense of the word through language.
- 7 To make critical use of media in the Serbian/Croatian/Bosnian language area to gain insight into current debates.
- 8 To thoroughly evaluate current political, cultural or societal developments regarding the region in question.

Conditions for credit contract

Access to this course unit via a credit contract is determined after successful competences assessment

Conditions for exam contract

This course unit cannot be taken via an exam contract

Teaching methods

Seminar, independent work

Extra information on the teaching methods

Seminar: interactive practice of active and passive language proficiency.

Independent work: Regular study and homework are necessary. In addition, students independently follow media reporting on currently relevant topics in the target language.

Learning materials and price

Reading Passages. Slavna Babić (Belgrade) (estimated copy costs: 10€). Additional course material will be provided by the lecturer via Ufora.

References

Course content-related study coaching

Support before and after the seminars, on Ufora or by appointment.

Evaluation methods

end-of-term and continuous assessment

Examination methods in case of periodic evaluation during the first examination period

Oral assessment, written assessment

Examination methods in case of periodic evaluation during the second examination period

Oral assessment, written assessment

Examination methods in case of permanent evaluation

Participation, assignment, skills test

Possibilities of retake in case of permanent evaluation

examination during the second examination period is possible in modified form

Extra information on the examination methods

Periodical evaluation (60%):

The exam consists of:

- a written part (grammar, reading, listening and writing);
- an oral part (speaking).

Non-periodical evaluation (40%):

Regular monitoring of the student's progress via intermediate tests, tasks and assignments. The monitoring is organised within three skills clusters: 1) grammar, 2) reading and writing nskills, and 3) listening and speaking skills.

If the student has missed a written or oral assessment moment because of demonstrable, substantial reasons (e.g. illness), she / he will be offered the possibility of retake afterwards. If there were no demonstrable, substantial reasons, this possibility is excluded.

Calculation of the examination mark

The student needs to pass each of the three skills clusters, non-periodical and periodical evaluation taken together:

- skills cluster 1: grammar (12% non-periodical and 20% periodical written exam);
- skills cluster 2: reading and writing skills (14% non-periodical and 20% periodical written exam);
- skills cluster 3: listening and speaking skills (14% non-periodical and 20% periodical written and oral exam).

The successful scores for permanent evaluation will be transferred to the second examination period. If a student does not participate in the evaluation of or receives

less than 10/20 for one of the parts, she/he can no longer pass the entire course. If the average final score is a grade of ten or more out of twenty, this will be reduced to the highest unsuccessful grade (9/20).

Facilities for Working Students

1. No possibility of exemption from attendance.
2. No possibility to take the exam at another time
3. Possibility for feedback by appointment

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