

## 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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LW21

staff member

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LW21

lecturer-in-charge

**Offered in the following programmes in 2023-2024**

[Bachelor of Arts in East European Languages and Cultures](#)

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**offering**

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[Exchange Programme East European Languages and Cultures](#)

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**Teaching languages**

Croatian, Bosnian, Serbian

**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.

**Assessment moments**

end-of-term and continuous assessment

**Examination methods in case of periodic assessment during the first examination period**

Oral assessment, Written assessment

**Examination methods in case of periodic assessment during the second examination period**

Oral assessment, Written assessment

**Examination methods in case of permanent assessment**

Skills test, Participation, Assignment

**Possibilities of retake in case of permanent assessment**

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 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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