

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 2024-2025

A (semester 2)

Bosnian, Croatian, Serbian Gent

independent work
seminar

Lecturers in academic year 2024-2025

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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 Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian 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, analysed and discussed.

Initial competences

Students have successfully completed Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian 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

(Approved)

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.

Study material

Type: Handouts

Name: Selection of supporting teaching materials

Indicative price: € 10

Optional: no

Available on Ufora : Yes

References

Supporting teaching materials:

- Super srpski, Azbukum.
- Srpskohrvatski za napredne strance.
- Serbo-Croatian reading passages, S. Babić.
- Srpski akcenat s lakoćom.
- Akcentovani tekstovi savremenih pisaca i novinara (crnogorska varijanta).

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, Presentation, Written assessment

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

The assessment of this course unit takes place in two clusters:

- Skill cluster 1 evaluates theoretical language skills (grammar).
- Skill cluster 2 evaluates applied language skills: reading, writing, listening and speaking.

End-of-term assessment consists of a written and an oral exam. The written part tests knowledge of grammar (cluster 1) and listening, reading and writing skills (cluster 2). The oral exam tests speaking skills (cluster 2).

Continuous assessment consists of a limited number of test moments in which grammar and applied language skills are tested. In addition, as part of cluster 2 students carry out an individual assignment on current affairs.

Calculation of the examination mark

To pass the course unit, the student must pass each cluster separately, continuous and end-of-term assessment combined:

- Skill cluster 1: 30% of the final grade (10% continuous assessment and 20% end-of-term assessment).
- Skill cluster 2: 70% of the final grade (20% continuous assessment and 50% end-

of-term assessment).

In case the student does not obtain a passing grade for one of both clusters and yet the average final score is a grade of ten or more out of twenty, this will be reduced to the highest non-passable grade (8/20). The resit only concerns the cluster(s) for which the student did not obtain a passing grade (transfer of results for passed cluster). For an unsuccessful cluster, passing partial grades can be carried over to the resit. Continuous assessment is replaced by additional exercises during the written and/or oral examination.

Facilities for Working Students

1. Class attendance is mandatory for the continuous assessment and further recommended to successfully complete the course.
2. No online/digital facilities.
3. It is possible to take the exam at a different time within the regular exam period.
4. Possibility to receive feedback at another time: by appointment.