

Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian I (A005465)

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

Credits 10.0

Study time 300 h

Course offerings and teaching methods in academic year 2025-2026

A (semester 2)

Dutch

Gent

independent work
seminar

Lecturers in academic year 2025-2026

Moravcevic, Slobodanka

LW21

staff member

Troch, Pieter

LW21

lecturer-in-charge

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Teaching languages

Dutch

Keywords

Serbian/Croatian/Bosnian, linguistics, language acquisition

Position of the course

This basic course is aimed at providing the students with a structural knowledge of Serbian/Croatian/Bosnian grammar and aims at building up basic stock of vocabulary. The CEFR level is A2.

Contents

Basic grammar and structures and vocabulary are taught through reading exercises and in-class language training.

The course uses both a classical and interactive approach in order to develop basic language skills in reading-comprehension, listening-comprehension, writing and conversation.

Initial competences

Basic knowledge of Russian (recommended, not compulsory)

Final competences

- 1 Elementary knowledge of Serbian/Croatian/Bosnian grammar
- 2 Understanding familiar words and basic sentences
- 3 Reading short, simple texts. Retrieving information from simple everyday texts and understanding simple personal letters.
- 4 Using simple phrases and sentences to talk about everyday topics.
- 5 Asking and answering simple questions.
- 6 Writing a short, simple tekst
- 7 To get acquainted with the culture in the broadest sense of the word through language.

Conditions for credit contract

Access to this course unit via a credit contract is unrestricted: the student takes into consideration the conditions mentioned in 'Starting Competences'

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: Language acquisition and practice in class.

Independent work: Regular studying of the material and preparation of homework are necessary.

Study material

Type: Handbook

Name: Učimo srpski I

Indicative price: € 30

Optional: no

Language : Other

Author : N. Milićević Dobromirov, B. Novković Adžaić.

Usability and Lifetime within the Study Programme : intensive

Usability and Lifetime after the Study Programme : occasionally

Type: Handbook

Name: Gramatika srpskog jezika za strance sa vežbanjima i rešenjima

Indicative price: € 26

Optional: no

Language : Other

Author : Marina Kurešević; Dragana Belegišanin-Zakić

Usability and Lifetime within the Course Unit : intensive

Usability and Lifetime within the Study Programme : intensive

Usability and Lifetime after the Study Programme : regularly

References

Additional teaching material:

- *Srpskohrvatsko-nizozemski bazični rečnik*. Jelica Novaković Lopušina

- *Basiswoordenboek Nederlands-Servokroatisch*. Jelica Novaković Lopušina

Course content-related study coaching

Specific questions can be asked during the lecturer's office hours.

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, 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.

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: 50% of the final grade (20% continuous assessment and 30% end-of-term assessment).

- Skill cluster 2: 50% of the final grade (10% continuous assessment and 40% 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.