

Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian III (A005672)

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

Credits 4.0

Study time 120 h

Course offerings in academic year 2026-2027

A (semester 2)

Bosnian, Croatian, Serbian Gent

Lecturers in academic year 2026-2027

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staff member

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lecturer-in-charge

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Teaching languages

Croatian, Bosnian, Serbian

Keywords

Serbian/Croatian/Bosnian, linguistics, language acquisition

Position of the course

This course of Serbian/Croatian/Bosnian aims at providing students with an advanced knowledge of the written and spoken language. The CEFR level is B1+. Exchange students may take up this course unit, for which no prior knowledge of Dutch is required.

Contents

Grammar is taught by making class exercises, including supplementary homework. The active language proficiency is taught via speaking exercises, dialogues and compositions. The passive knowledge is enriched by reading and translating a wide variety of texts.

Initial competences

To have successfully completed the course Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian II or to have acquired the necessary skills by other means.

Final competences

- 1 Intermediary to high intermediary knowledge of the Serbian/Croatian/Bosnian grammar.
- 2 Understanding the main points of an extended conversation about familiar topics in standard speech
- 3 Reading of longer, more complex texts which deal with concrete (work, travel, leisure, university studies) and abstract (academic, economic, political, etc.) topics. Retrieving information from more complex texts and understanding more detailed personal letters.
- 4 Able to communicate fluently in different contextual environments: professional and personal.
- 5 Writing longer texts about a familiar topic. Commenting and expressing one's opinion.
- 6 To get acquainted with the culture in the broadest sense of the word through language.
- 7 To analyse current societal, political or cultural developments regarding the region in question independently and with the target language.

8 To have a view of the media landscape in the Serbian/Croatian/Bosnian language area.

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: Grammar and active/passive language proficiency through interactive teaching. No recordings are provided.

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

Study material

Type: Handbook

Name: Bosnian, Croatian, Montenegrin and Serbian: An Essential Grammar

Indicative price: € 48

Optional: no

Language : English

Author : Željko Vrabec

Oldest Usable Edition : 2022

Online Available : No

Available in the Library : Yes

Available through Student Association : Yes

Usability and Lifetime within the Course Unit : regularly

Usability and Lifetime within the Study Programme : regularly

Usability and Lifetime after the Study Programme : regularly

Type: Handbook

Name: Učimo srpski II

Indicative price: Free or paid by faculty

Optional: no

Language : Other

Author : N. Milićević Dobromirov, B. Novković Adžaić

Usability and Lifetime within the Course Unit : intensive

Usability and Lifetime within the Study Programme : intensive

Usability and Lifetime after the Study Programme : occasionally

Additional information: This textbook is purchased at the start of the course unit Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian II and is further used for this course unit.

References

Additional teaching materials:

- *Srpskohrvatsko-engleski rečnik*. Morton Benson

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 topics.

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.