TURK 101 – Elementary Turkish

**Course Description:**

Elementary Turkish is a series of two courses designed to introduce basic knowledge of the Turkish language. They serve as an introduction to the Turkish language as well as daily culture in modern-day Turkey. By the end of the first year—TURK 101 and 102— students will have attained the functional skills necessary for basic daily communication, such as for communicating on public transportation or ordering food.

Each class intends to develop grammar, listening, writing, and speaking skills while performing and completing a given task in specific settings and situations. As it is a language class that adopts a communicative approach, students are expected to be active learners and the instructor only a facilitator.

The Turkish language courses at Duke and UNC make use of technology to enhance the classroom experience. Apart from in-class use of technology such as video clips for songs and commercials, there will be online assignments, such as video or voice recordings. There will also be occasional Friday online classes via Adobe Connect, a web conferencing software, in which students will be trained beforehand. These classes expand the limits of the classroom and are also an opportunity to interact with students from other campuses.

No prior Turkish is required for TURK 101.

**Course Objectives:**

By the end of first semester, students will have achieved the following according to ACTFL Proficiency Guidelines 2012:

***Listening:*** Ability to recognize and begin to understand a number of high frequency, highly contextualized words and phrases.

***Speaking:*** Emerging ability to communicate short messages on highly predictable, everyday topics, ask and respond to questions limited to the particular context in which the language has been learned.

***Reading:*** Ability to understand key words, cognates, formulaic phrases across a range of highly contextualized texts.

***Writing:*** Ability to reproduce from memory a modest number of words and phrases in context, to give information on simple forms and documents, and other biographical information.

**Text and Materials:**

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Other than the textbook, all materials will be available online on Sakai. If you prefer materials in paper form, please print them out before coming to class.

**Course Requirements:**

Weekly Quizzes 30%

Homework 15%

Final Paper and Presentation 25%

Final Written Exam 25%

Class Participation 5%

**1. Weekly Quizzes (4 x 7.5%= 30%):** There will be quizzes covering primarily, but not exclusively, the previous week’s grammar and vocabulary lessons. You are allowed to miss one quiz a semester. However, there will be no make-ups.

**2. Homework (10 x 1.5=15%):** There will be weekly homework assignments. You are required to turn in your homework no later than Friday.

**3. Final paper and presentation (25%):** There will be a presentation/skit at the end of this class. The subject will be assigned a month before the end of the semester. You will first write a page-long composition/skit (10 %) and turn it in for corrections (5%). After that, you will rewrite it and, with the help of visual materials, present it in class (10%).

**4. Final Exam (25 %):** The final exam will cover everything you learned this semester.

**5. Participation (5%):** This course is taught based on communicative language teaching methodologies. Accordingly, students are expected to arrive at each session prepared and ready to participate in class exercises. Participation is not only a big part of your grade, it is also necessary so that your classmates get the most out of this course. Apart from classroom sessions, you are also expected to attend extracurricular activities, as cultural exposure is a necessary part of language learning. Please follow posts for events calendar on Turkish Studies. (http://turkish.unc.edu)

**Grading Scale:**

A 93-100; A- 90-92; B+ 87-89; B 83-86; B- 80-82; C+ 77-79; C 73-76; C- 70-72; D+ 66-69; D 60-65; F below 60

**Class Policies:**

Attendance: You are expected to attend all classes. Unless justified by family or medical emergencies, missing or coming late to class will count against your grade. More than 4 unexcused absences will result in an F grade.

Cell Phones: Cell phones must be either turned off or on silent during class time.