

## **TURK 2301 – INTERMEDIATE TURKISH I FALL 2009**

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### **Course Description**

Intermediate Turkish I aims at the balanced development of students' proficiency in four communicative skills – listening, reading, speaking and writing – via linguistic interaction with printed and audio-visual materials. Class sessions will emphasize communication and comprehension skills, while introducing more advanced grammatical structures of the language, broadening vocabulary fields, and emphasizing correct pronunciation and intonation in context. Students will be presented with opportunities to increase their knowledge of Turkish culture via short pieces of literature, music, film, and other realia. Participation in Intermediate Turkish I requires the successful completion of TURK 1501 and TURK 1502, or the instructor's consent.

### **Course Goals/Objectives**

- Upon successful completion of Intermediate Turkish I, students will be able to
- ❖ identify and produce more advanced elements of Turkish grammar, such as primary postpositions; adverbial suffixes; simple, derived, and compound verbs; passive and reflexive verbs; and phrasal verbs.
  - ❖ write short compositions, dialogs, simple letters, and other creative pieces of approximately 150-200 words.
  - ❖ understand words, phrases, and multiple sentence length utterances which use more detailed vocabulary and pertain to concrete experiences, such as finding an apartment or visiting the doctor, and to more abstract experiences, such as describing one's reactions to a book, film, or cultural phenomena.
  - ❖ read and understand short texts of the same nature.
  - ❖ appropriately handle everyday social encounters, such as greetings, courtesy formulae, etc.; ask and respond to open-ended questions; and deal with communication tasks related to the past, the present, and the future.
  - ❖ conduct 10-15 minute conversations on a variety of day-to-day topics.
  - ❖ gain greater awareness and appreciation of and insight into the Turkish culture.

### **Course Policies**

- ❖ Students are expected to come to class on time and bring all necessary class materials.
- ❖ Students should come to class prepared, ie. having read the relevant textbook pages, memorized new vocabulary, and completed the daily homework. Please note that your timely completion of regular, ongoing assignments will speed your mastery of Turkish. Late submission of most assignments will NOT be accepted.
- ❖ No cell phones, pagers, or laptops may be used in class.

- ❖ Attendance is required and will be taken each class. If you must miss a class session, please notify me in advance (by e-mail or phone). (In case of medical or other emergencies, be prepared to provide appropriate documentation, such as a written statement from your doctor.) Class participation is vital, as a portion of your final grade will be based on your participation in classroom activities.
- ❖ Should your absences exceed 5 class hours, 1.0 point will be subtracted from your final grade for each additional missed hour of class.
- ❖ You, the student, are responsible for getting notes, homework assignments, and announcements from a classmate for the session you missed. You should notify me to obtain any handouts you missed receiving.
- ❖ If you will be absent in order to observe any religious holy days during the semester, you must inform me per email within the first two weeks of class. These absences will be excused.
- ❖ In general, missing a quiz or exam results in a score of zero, and you will not be allowed to make up the work. Exceptions may be made in the case of extreme circumstances, such as a documented, serious illness. In the event that you cannot be present for an exam, and you believe your circumstances warrant special consideration, you should speak to me in advance, and you should take the exam before (and not after) the rest of the class. Also, it is University of Houston policy that final exams are not subject to rescheduling, so please do not make plans to leave the Houston area until after the final exam time.
- ❖ Office Hours and Contacting Your Instructor: Please feel free to visit me during office hours. If you aren't able to see me during my office hours, call me or send me an e-mail to arrange another meeting time.
- ❖ Class Mail Distribution List: I may send you some handouts, announcements, summaries, and project/homework descriptions via a class e-mail-list. Please do check your e-mail on a daily basis and read the e-mails distributed by me immediately.

### **Course Requirements**

- ❖ The dates of all quizzes and exams are indicated on the attached course calendar.
- ❖ There will be a total of three 20-minute quizzes. Two of these quizzes will count; the lowest quiz grade will be dropped.
- ❖ The midterm exams and final exam will contain listening, speaking, reading, writing, grammar, and vocabulary sections. You will receive more detailed information about the structure and content of these exams 1-2 weeks prior to each exam.
- ❖ In addition to participating regularly in class activities, it is important that you complete all your homework on time. Homework will consist of exercises/assignments from the textbook/handouts, short readings, personal writing assignments, and oral presentations.

### **Grading Policy**

Final	25%
Two Midterms	25%
2 Quizzes	10%
Participation and personal effort	15%
Homework	20%
Film Review	5%

A	92-100	C	72-77
AB	88-91	D	62-71
B	82-87	F	0-61
BC	78-81		

### Course Materials

**Required Textbook/CD:** Kurtuluş Öztopcu's *A Complete Course for Beginners*, Santa Monica-Istanbul, 2006. (focus on latter half of book)

**Additional materials to be provided by the instructor:**

- *Talebe* (unpublished series of interactive Power Point slide shows)
- a selection of modern Turkish poems, songs and children's stories
- classic and contemporary Turkish films, such as *Çalığışu*, *Babam ve Oğlum* and *Beyaz Melek*

### Course Calendar

**1<sup>st</sup> week: August 24-28, 2009**

Introductions and introduction to the course. Review.

**2<sup>nd</sup> week: August 31-September 4, 2009**

Review

**3<sup>rd</sup> week: September 9-11, 2009 (\*No class on September 7 due to Labor Day holiday)**

Review.

**4<sup>th</sup> week: September 14-18, 2009**

Unit 16 of *Elementary Turkish*

**5<sup>th</sup> week: September 21-25, 2009**

Unit 17 of *Elementary Turkish*

**6<sup>th</sup> week: September 28-October 2, 2009**

1<sup>st</sup> Mid-Term Exam

Unit 18 of *Elementary Turkish*

**7<sup>th</sup> week: October 5-9, 2009**

Unit 19 of *Elementary Turkish*

**8<sup>th</sup> week: October 12-16, 2009**

Unit 20 of *Elementary Turkish* (Review of Units 16-20)

Quiz 1

**9<sup>th</sup> week: October 19-23, 2009**

Unit 21 of *Elementary Turkish*

**10<sup>th</sup> week: October 26-30, 2009**

Unit 22 of *Elementary Turkish*

Quiz 2

**11<sup>th</sup> week: November 2-6, 2009**

Unit 23 of *Elementary Turkish*

**12<sup>th</sup> week: November 9-13, 2009**

Unit 24 of *Elementary Turkish*

**13<sup>th</sup> week: November 16-20, 2009**

Unit 25 of *Elementary Turkish* (Review of Units 21-24)

2<sup>nd</sup> Mid-Term Exam

**14<sup>th</sup> week: November 23, 2009 (No class on November 25 and 27 due to Thanksgiving holiday)**

Unit 26 of *Elementary Turkish*

**15<sup>th</sup> week: November 30-December 4, 2009**

Oral Presentations. Film Review due.

Exam Review

## **FINAL EXAM**

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**Finally, consider participating in the **TURK 2301 Partner Project**, an extra credit activity that could add as much as 5 points to your final grade!**

How does it work? During the first two weeks of class, you agree to become the conversation partner of a native Turkish student at U.H. Then, you stay in close contact with your partner, meeting him/her at least once a week for at least a half-hour. If meeting in person is difficult, you may chat with your partner on MSN, write e-mail and/or talk to him/her on the phone. But, if you want to receive full points (ie. an additional 5 points added to your final grade), you should meet with your partner **AT LEAST SEVEN TIMES & e-mail/ phone /chat on MSN AT LEAST TWO TIMES** during the semester. On the last day of class, or before the final exam, you will turn in a log of your meeting times and the main subjects of your conversation. The log should be signed by your conversation partner as well.

Of course, by participating in this project, you will gain more than points. Ideally, you will improve your speaking & listening skills, pronunciation, vocabulary, and cultural knowledge in a lively, enjoyable way. Who know? Perhaps you will even establish a friendship that will last forever!