

Bosnian Croatian Serbian Intermediate I

Introduction to the Language and Culture of Bosnia, Croatia, and Serbia

Language Course, 2 credits

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Learning Bosnian, Croatian, and Serbian at CEU

Bosnian, Croatian, and Serbian are three standard languages spoken by the majority of population of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Serbia, and Montenegro. They are mutually intelligible languages belonging to the South Slavic branch of languages. Partly for that reason and partly because of their shared historical development, they are often considered to be the three standard versions of one Serbo-Croatian, or Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian language. Bosnian, Croatian, and Serbian languages share a common core, which enables all their speakers to communicate freely with one another. Students might choose to concentrate on Bosnian, Croatian or Serbian, but focusing on any of these languages will allow them to comprehend and to communicate throughout the region where these languages are spoken.

Goals and learning outcomes. The aim of the Intermediate I course and its successive course in the winter semester is to help the students continue to develop proficiency in reading, speaking, and writing of Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian. The focus of the course will lie on acquiring the skills of reading and text comprehension needed for scientific research.

Format. Every session will be dedicated to introducing a new grammatical topic as well as new vocabulary tied to a particular theme. Classes are based on active student participation. Each session will begin with a short repetition of main vocabulary and grammar of the previous session(s). Students will receive regular homework, which will be checked in class.

Readings.

Čilaš-Mikulić, Marica, Milvia Gulešić Macheta, Sanda Lucija Udier. *Razgovarajte s nama A2-B1* (Book and Grammar/Exercise book). Zagreb: Hrvatska sveučilišna naklada, 2013.

Assessment. Regular attendance (minimum of 10 sessions out of 12) is mandatory for all course attendants (including those registered for audit). Further absence will be compensated by extra homework covering the material missed by the student. Performance will be assessed by class participation (5%), 5 short quizzes of 5-10 minutes every other week (35%), and a final written exam (60%).

Week 1	Introduction to the course Cases repetition Possessive adjectives Adjectives ending in -ski -ški -čki -čki Talking about countries and languages
Week 2	Accusative case of adjectives, demonstrative and possessive pronouns Accusative of personal pronouns Present tense -(n)uti>-(n)em)
Week 3	Locative case of adjectives, demonstrative and possessive pronouns
Week 4	Verbal aspects Conditional I Talking about plans, wishes and possibilities
Week 5	Datove case of adjectives, demonstrative and possessive pronouns Possessive dative Impersonal sentences Transport and communication
Week 6	Comparison of adjectives Comparative and superlative of adverbs Future tense II Friendships, character, future
Week 7	Intrumental case of adjectives, demonstrative and possessive pronouns Verbs and adjectives with the instrumental case Talking about work
Week 8	Genitive case of adjectives, demonstrative and possessive pronouns Verbs with genitive Present tense -ati>-im Memories
Week 9	Nouns -(e)n- and -(e)t- Present tense -sti>-dem Eponyms

Week 10	Present tense -vati>-jem Pluralia tantum Talking about famous people
Week 11	Revision and Exercises
Week 12	Final exam