

CET Syllabus of Term



Program: All CET programs in Prague

Course Title: Beginning Czech Language Spring 2018

Course Code: CE100

Total Hours: 45

Recommended Credits: 3

Suggested Cross Listings: Czech Language

Language of Instruction: Czech/English

Prerequisites/Requirements: Required for students with no Czech language background

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Class Schedule: Mon 13:00-14:30, Wed 10:30-12:00

Description

The course aims at giving students basic information on the Czech grammatical system (most of the cases and tenses are introduced). The communicative aspect is emphasized, students are supposed to communicate in various situations (introducing oneself, asking about direction, shopping, restaurant, daily routine, likes and dislikes, weather etc.) using everyday vocabulary. Various linguistic skills should be developed in balance: grammatical knowledge, comprehension, speaking, and writing.

Objectives

- to be able to communicate in various situations of everyday life
- to acquire a basic image of a grammatical and conceptual system of Czech

Methods of Evaluation

Participation (attendance, homework, class performance)	20%
Final Test	35%
Quizzes (Quizzes 1–5)	45%

Grading scale

A: 93-100%	C+: 77-79%
A-: 90-92%	C: 73-76%
B+: 87-89%	C-: 70-72%
B: 83-86%	D+: 67-69%
B-: 80-82%	D: 60-66%
	F: 59% and below

Attendance Policy

Mandatory attendance is a primary requirement for a responsible learning experience. Please consider that every absence has the potential to lower the final grade, as it may affect the “attendance and participation” portion of your grade or result in missing key information that could appear on quizzes or exams. In addition, professors take attendance at the beginning of the class. If you are more than 10 minutes late, professors mark one hour of absence from class. Onsite visits count as regular class hours. A no-show to a site visit counts as an absence. Detailed information about the Attendance you will find in the **CET Prague Academic Policies**

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Primary Texts

Lída Holá, Pavla Bořilová: *Čeština expres 1 (A1/1)*, 3rd edition, Akropolis, 2015. (1st edition, 2011)

Pace and Textbook Lessons Covered

Intensive Course:

Jan 19 – Jan 25, 9:00–13:00

Day 1: Pronunciation. What is it? / Who is it? Greetings, basic phrases. Basic dialogues. Where are you from? What is your job. Verbs "to be" and "to do" (Á – conjugation).

Day 2: Numerals 0-10. Professions. Dialogue on the phone. Where is...? Adverbs of place and direction.

Day 3: Orientation, navigation. Verbs (Í - conjugation). Numerals 10-100. Travelling. Shopping.

Day 4: Food and drinks. Demonstrative pronouns, gender. At the restaurant - ordering, tipping. Accusative sg.

Day 5: Talking about what you like to eat and drink. Irregular verbs conjugation. Numerals 100-1000. Revision. Trip to the restaurant.

Semestral Course:

Week 1

Jan 29 **Quiz 1**. Reading about family. How old is he/she? What is his/her job?

Jan 31 Talking about family and people around you. Possessive pronouns. Adjectives.

Week 2

Feb 5 Verbs (-OVAT conjugation). Accusative masculine animated.

Feb 7 **No class**.

Week 3

Feb 12 Revision of all verbs and adjectives.

Feb 14 **Quiz 2**. When is it? Telling time. The days of the week.

Week 4

Feb 19 What's the date? Planning. When shall we meet? Modal verbs.

Feb 21 Practising modal verbs. Do × na. New verbs.

Week 5

Feb 26 Conjugation of new verbs. To like to do.

Feb 28 To like × to like to do. How often do you...?

Week 6

Mar 5 **Quiz 3**. Past tense – introduction. Reading about famous people.

Mar 7 Past tense. Irregular forms.

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Week 7

Mar 12 What did you do yesterday? Past tense – the whole conjugation.

Mar 14 Practising the use of the past tense.

Week 8

Mar 19 **Travelling seminar, no class.**

Mar 21 **Travelling seminar, no class.**

Week 9

Mar 26 Revision of the past tense. How to say “to know” in Czech. Verbs “vědět, znát, umět”.

Mar 28 **Quiz 4.** Where were you? Prepositions for locative.

Week 10

Apr 2 **Spring break, no class.**

Apr 4 **Spring break, no class.**

Week 11

Apr 9 Locative case.

Apr 11 Reading a detective story.

Week 12

Apr 16 Countries and cities. Weather.

Apr 18 Talking about holidays.

Week 13

Apr 23 Revision. Talking about a trip.

Apr 25 **Quiz 5.** Revision of all prepositions.

Week 14

Apr 30 Introduction to the future tense.

May 2 Big revision of speaking before the final test.

Week 15

May 7 Big revision of grammar before the final test.

May 9 **Final Test.**

Week 16

May 14 Last class. Correction of the test. Czech for fun.