

## 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 14:40-16:10, Wed 16:20-17:50

### 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

<b>Participation</b> (attendance, homework, class performance)	<b>20%</b>
<b>Final Test</b>	<b>40%</b>
<b>Quizzes</b>	<b>40%</b>

### 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

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## Attendance

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**

## Primary Texts

Lida Hola, *New Czech Step by Step*, 4<sup>th</sup> edition, Akropolis, 2009. (1st edition, 2004)

## Intensive Course:

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

Revision of all verbs and adjectives.

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### Week 3

Feb 12 Quiz 2. When is it? Telling time. The days of the week.  
Feb 14 What's the date? Planning. When shall we meet? Modal verbs.

### Week 4

Feb 19 Practising modal verbs. Do × na. New verbs.  
Feb 21 Conjugation of new verbs. To like to do.

### Week 5

Feb 26 To like × to like to do. How often do you...?  
Feb 28 Quiz 3. Past tense – introduction. Reading about famous people.

### Week 6

Mar 5 Past tense. Irregular forms.  
Mar 7 What did you do yesterday? Past tense – the whole conjugation.

### Week 7

Mar 12 Practising the use of the past tense.  
Mar 14 Revision of the past tense. How to say “to know” in Czech. Verbs “vědět, znát, umět”.

### Week 8

Mar 19 Travelling seminar, no class.  
Mar 21 Travelling seminar, no class.

### Week 9

Mar 26 Locative case.  
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 Reading a detective story.  
Apr 11 Countries and cities. Weather.

### Week 12

Apr 16 Talking about holidays.  
Apr 18 Revision. Talking about a trip.

### Week 13

Apr 23 Quiz 5. Revision of all prepositions.

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Apr 25            Introduction to the future tense.

Week 14

Apr 30            Big revision of speaking before the final test.

May 2            Final Test

Week 15

May 7            Correction of the test.

May 9            Last class. Czech for fun.