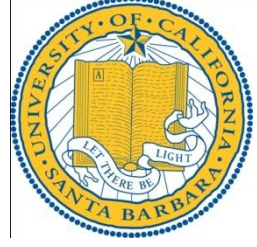




First Year Turkish Language and Culture Fall - 2010



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Class Times: MTWR/ 9:00– 9:50 a.m

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Tuesday 10:00 – 12:00 a.m (Tentative)

Please feel free to come to see me during the office hours. If you can not make it to the office please make sure that you contact me to make an appointment. E-mail is the quickest and most reliable way to contact me!

Course Description and Objectives:

Hoşgeldiniz! To the study of Turkish Language and Culture! This course is designed for learners with little or no knowledge in Turkish language. In this course learners will get the competence in expressing themselves in different situations, they will have basic skills to join conversations, write for specific purposes and comprehend sentences in poems, stories and articles. The course offers the cultural context through which the learners are exposed to language naturally and they will have the chance to learn about a variety of topics in Turkish Culture. Students should try to get actively involved in lessons in order to have an effective learning process. The primary aim of the course is to learn Turkish in an interactive classroom environment.

By the end of this course, the students will,

- *be able to comprehend simple sentences in Turkish;*
- *be able to speak beginner level Turkish, producing sentences for introducing themselves, carrying on meaningful conversation, shopping or asking for assistance, etc;*
- *have and use a basic Turkish vocabulary range and will be able to conjugate for case, person, and present tense;*
- *be familiar with the general social, psychological and political underpinnings of what it means to be 'Turkish' in history and in this age;*
- *have acquired competency in major events in Turkish history and culture; and the current issues in Turkey; and be able to do research and converse on these topics;*
- *have developed and used language learning strategies that will help not only with improving their Turkish, but with learning other languages too.*

***Academic Honesty!:** Any type of plagiarism, not providing/citing true resources in papers and cheating will lead to the loss of grades, which ultimately means failing the course.*

Textbook and Materials

- *A Turkish- English, English- Turkish Dictionary*
- *Vocabulary Notebook*

***Note:** Bring your coursebook, vocabulary notebook and dictionary to all classes!*

- *There will be additional materials: Power Point Slide Shows, Flash Cards, Posters, Magazines, Brochures, Videos ... etc.*

Here are some internet dictionaries I would like to suggest;

www.sozluk.com

www.seslisozluk.com

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Course Assessment:

10% Attendance & Participation:

You need to attend all the classes and participate actively.

Attendance Policy:

Class hours missed	Attendance & preparation grade cannot exceed the following (and may be lower if you were late and/or unprepared often)
2-3	85%
4-5	75%
6-7	65% and points will be taken from overall grade
8-9	55% and points will be taken from overall grade
10-11	45% and points will be taken from overall grade

Note: *Please be punctual in order not to distract the attention of the class atmosphere!*

30% Assignments/Projects:

Handouts 10%

Expect an assignment for every hour of a class. Late assignments will not be accepted.

Presentations 20%

There will be two different presentation projects - one individual (%10) and one group work (%10) - that you will prepare. The topics and the dates will be announced at least two weeks before the due date.

15% Quizzes:

Quizzes are given during regular class hours every week. If a student misses a quiz or exam, a mark of zero will be assigned except for documented medical emergency report.

20% *MIDTERM (5th or 6th week)*

25% *FINAL EXAM*

Grading Scale:

90-100 <i>A</i>	<i>Excellent</i>
80-89 <i>B</i>	<i>Very good</i>
70-79 <i>C</i>	<i>Satisfactory</i>
60-69 <i>D</i>	<i>Below Average</i>
59 and below <i>F</i>	<i>Failure</i>

Menekşe Hoca'dan Not:

- *No cell phones or other electronic devices are to be used during the class time.*
- *You are allowed to drink non alcohol drinks during the class but NO food and chewing gum please.*

While learning Turkish,,

- *Don't be afraid of making mistakes. It is impossible to learn a language without making them and being corrected.*
- *Use what you learn as soon as you have a chance.*
- *Review previous lessons frequently, and make your own vocabulary report book which will help you control your learning.*
- *Participate in choral repetition. It may seem mechanical, but it helps building the skills needed for individual production.*
- *Open your mind to the different and to the new. Not only Turkish, but every language has its own mentality, and comparing it to English will not help. Also try to avoid any prejudices and misconceptions.*
- *Do not let any interruption break the continuity of your involvement with the Turkish language.*
- *Remember this may lead to an interesting career opportunity one day...*
- *And the last but never the least please have fun and enjoy yourself while making the most of the course!*