BALK 360 Intensive Grammar: Bosnian (1.5 units*)

BALK 560 Intensive Grammar: Bosnian (1.0 units*)

**One Bryn Mawr unit is equivalent to four undergraduate semester hours or five graduate semester hours.*

Instructor: TBD

Time: TBD

Location: Bosnian2GO Language School, Skenderija 34, Sarajevo 71000, Bosnia & Herzegovina

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The main goal of this course is to expand and solidify the student's command of Bosnian vocabulary, grammar, and spelling, and to develop listening, reading, conversational, and compositional skills. In particular, students will improve their ability to comprehend and exchange ideas with native speakers. Students will also express original ideas, report on various types of events, and conduct interviews in the language. The course incorporates a variety of activities and drills including dialogues, reading texts, role plays, language games, grammar and phonetic exercises, dictations, translations, interviews and discussion of topics.

In addition, the course is designed to help students recognize common knowledge, beliefs, attitudes, and behavioral patterns of the Bosnian people, and to comply (verbally and non-verbally) with Bosnian cultural norms.

OBJECTIVE

To focus on the adoption of basic knowledge and language skills necessary to communicate, read and write in the Bosnian language. Second aim includes exploring the cultural, literary and historical heritage of the people of Bosnia & Herzegovina.

Students are placed in small groups or individualized tutorials for class, based on proficiency level. Textbooks and course materials will be based according to group.

MATERIALS

Content of classes will be complemented through the usage of adequate literature, literary texts and books that will be prepared by the instructor and student (borrowing books from Sarajevo's libraries) with instructions given by the instructor and will include creative exercises, usage of appropriate media such as video, music, movies, theater etc.

Textbooks Senahid Halilović, "Orthography in Bosnian Language: Handbook," Sarajevo, 1999.
Dževad Jahić, Senahid Halilović, Ismail Palić, "Grammar of the Bosnian Language," Zenica, 2000.
Midhat Riđanović, "The meaning of the content and the content of meaning – semantics,";
Marina Katnić-Bakaršić, "Stylistics," Sarajevo, 2001.
Fatima Pelesić-Muminović, "Bosnian language," Sarajevo, 2016.
"Bosnian language as foreign language," Zenaida Karavdić, International Burch University, Sarajevo, 2011.

"Bosnian Language Dictionary," Senahid Halilović, Amela Šehović, Ismail Palić, Department of Philosophy University of Sarajevo, 2010.
Narcis Saračević, "Dictionary of Sarajevo jargon/slang," Zenica, 2003.

GRADING AND ASSESSMENT

Class attendance is a critical part of progress in language and students are expected to come on time and prepared for each class.

Individual student work includes reading of assigned literary works, historical, current and interesting texts, daily newspapers; working on spelling and grammar exercises, as well as homework and linguistic exercises assigned by the professor; essay writing, student creating and keeping up with their own pocket dictionaries based upon vocabulary learned in class.

Class participation	30%
Homework	20%
Weekly tests, quizzes, presentations	30%
Final examination	20%

Grade	*Percent*
A+	98–100
A	93–97
A-	90–92
B+	87–89
B	83–86
B-	80–82
C+	77–79
C	73–76
C-	70–72
D	60–69
F	0–59

UNITS AND TOPICS (SUBJECT TO CHANGE*)

Week	Material covered
1	- Entrance test (testing knowledge of writing, spelling and grammar); alphabet – new words for each letter; singular, plural, gender; the first lesson from the textbook; phrases - Spelling: sounds ÿ, ÿ, dž, ÿ, j, h; writing and pronunciation exercises, nouns for each letter; voice reflex "jat"; familiarization with grammatical terms from b/h/s language; orthographic analysis of a literary text; auxiliary verbs; present; phrases - Morphology: nouns, nominative and accusative; order of words, personal pronouns, auxiliary verbs "I am", present tense; textbook text interpretation, grammatical and spelling analysis of the text - Cases (case meanings), genitive and accusative, exercise on the text; present tense - new verbs
2	- Morphology: pronouns who, what; adjective pronouns; BCS language phrases; adjectives, jotting, indicative and demonstrative pronouns - Genitive (nouns and adjectives) - Morphology: verb adjective working, past tense-perfect

	- History of Bosnia & Herzegovina "steÿci" monuments
3	- Voice changes: equalization of consonants by sonority, text from the textbook - Genitive (repetition); Imperative - Cases; palatalization (dative, locative); textbook text, text analysis - Morphology: verb "to want", future I, the verb "to be"; futur II (use in communication) - Literature: short stories
4	- Adverbs, present and past - Morphology: numbers, properties of numbers - Conditional and instrumental - Literature: new BH. authors; grammatical analysis of the text, exercise for the test - Verification of acquired knowledge: exercise/test; test analysis; conversation
5	- Morphology: suggestions, exercise on the text from the textbook; Rijeka - Aorist - past tense - Word formation: prefixal and suffixal formation - Sevdalinka - understanding, interpretation and linguistic analysis
6	- Verbal adjective trpni – passive - Vocative - Syntax: syntagma; sentences - Fasteners, connectors; exercise on the text - TEST
7	- New verbs – verb tenses, repetition - Sentence condensation; infinitivization and adverbialization - Literature of the people of Bosnia and Herzegovina, interpretation
8	- Repetition of acquired knowledge of spelling and grammar through written and conversational exercises paragraph exercises - Contemporary BH. literature; reading, interpreting; conversation about Bosnia and Herzegovina authors and literary works, current topics in the media
9	- Declension (change in cases) of adjectives - Cyrillic - Reading news articles
10	- Declension of adjective pronouns - Adjective pronouns; A rhetorical exercise - ÿirilica - short stories
11	- Declination of numbers (main numbers) - Declination of ordinal numbers - Plural nouns, declension

	- Numerous adjectives, declension
12	- Declension of nouns, pronouns, adjectives and numbers in complex sentences - Conversation; rhetorical skills - Bh. and Yugoslav writers/authors - text interpretation
13	- Semantics: semantic relationships between words and sentences (synonyms and antonyms) - Stylistics: style of language, beautiful writing, stylistic figures ub/h/s language (literary text) - FINAL TEST

* Based on our previous experiences, we would like to note that changes to the list included in the program are inevitable. It depends on how well the students comprehend the material and as the teachers are not fully familiar with the students' language levels at the beginning the topics can be added or postponed. Some of the topics that students will be interested in may be added, but others may be canceled. We kindly ask to take this issue into consideration.