

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
TURK 199: Turkish Language and Culture
(3 credits)

Summer School Study Abroad Proposal (May 14-June 10 2007)

<i>Course Description</i>	<p>Fundamentals of Turkish language will be introduced through grammar exercises and vocabulary relevant to basic communicative needs of students to live in and understand Turkish culture.</p> <p>Living on a Turkish university campus and interacting with Turkish students will increase students' intercultural understanding and provide authentic language practice outside the class. Visiting cultural and historical sites of Istanbul is a cultural experience which will help them not only to understand Ottoman and Turkish culture, but also ancient Byzantine, Roman and Greek culture. This course will help improve the Turkish program at UIUC by expanding the awareness and knowledge of real Turkish culture and language, resulting in the increase of the number of students taking Turkish to complete their non-western foreign language requirement.</p> <p>By the end of the summer school students will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduce themselves, greet people in various situations, ask and answer simple questions (e.g., How are you? How is the weather today? How much is this? Do you need X? Is this a good dictionary? Is there a hospital near here? What time is it? When is the meeting?).• Describe and compare objects, people and places.• Talk about present / on-going events, future plans and what happened in the past.• Talk to a doctor about their complaints, a waiter about what they would like to order, a shop-keeper about a product they would like to buy (these will be practiced in actual situations out and about in Istanbul).• Make reservations at a restaurant/hotel.• Write short essays about themselves, their interests and their plans (Their projects will require paragraph writing).• Read simple texts, understand and use some culture-specific idiomatic expressions.• Understand history, traditions and culture of Turkey.
<i>Instructor</i>	Ercan BALCI, Ph.D. ebalci@uiuc.edu
<i>Assessment</i>	3 Tests 30% 3 15-minute presentations 30% Homework 10% Final 20%
<i>Text Books</i>	(1) Serin, Muammer and Eser E. Taylan, 2003, <i>Workbook for H. Sebüktekin's Turkish for Foreigners, vol. 1</i> , 3 rd edition, Istanbul: Boaziçi University Publications. (2) Akar, D. & Eser E. Taylan. <i>Kayıp Çanta</i> Boaziçi University Publications. (A book with listening exercises on everyday-Turkish. Includes an audio tape) (3) Handouts

Weekly Program

Week-01

Language Studies

Greetings, days of the week, seasons, small talk (e.g., how is the weather today?).

Subject pronouns, single substantives as minimal sentence.

Vowels hard to pronounce

Two-fold vowel harmony

Plural ending

Simple modification of singular and plural nouns:

[adj+ indefinite article+ noun]

Numeral+ noun, [this or that + singular noun]

singular and plural nouns as subject

Four-fold vowel harmony

[yes-no question suffix]

substantive predicate negation: *dei l*, adjectives

Where are you from?, Nationalities with and without the suffix

Weather terms

Describing people

Mini Test 1

Project

Preparing a presentation with the new words they learn. Students will take interesting pictures and talk about them.

Cultural Studies and excursions

Welcome to Turkey party and meeting local university students (Volunteer Turkish students will attend cultural activities to help guest students to understand the culture better)

Campus tour

Visiting the local town

Visiting Miniaturk

General Introduction to Istanbul

Watching movies and documentaries in Turkish and on Turkey

Week-02

Consonant harmony, (two-fold vowel harmony and consonant harmony)

Locative case

Directions, seasons, months (in the west, in winter, in July)

[there is/ there are],[there isn't/ there aren't]

[reduced relative clause], phrases for apologizing

(also, either, too), (and, as for)

Infinitives as subject, (necessary)

[verb+infinitive suffix], Question words and question formation

negative suffix for verbs), Imperative forms

imperative suffix for plural or formal usage

suffix for 1st person plural expressing suggestions,

wishes, *için* (for), verb+mek iste- (to want to do something)

Person suffixes on non-verbal predicates, *dei l mi?* (confirmatory question), possession (genitive and possessive as basics)

Mini Test 2

Project

Prepare a presentation about one of the sites visited this week

Cultural Studies and excursions

Exploring the old city (the cultural and historical center of Istanbul):

- Blue Mosque
- Covered Grand Bazaar
- Golden Horn
- Great Walls
- Topkapi Palace
- Archeological Museum

Watching movies and documentaries

Week-03

-iyor (continuative suffix/ present tense), Personal suffixes after the suffix *-iyor*, *-(y)ecek* (future suffix), personal suffixes after *-(y)ecek*

-(y)A the dative case (to, for), *-DAn* the ablative case (from)

Case endings (dative, ablative and locative)

-(y)I the accusative case (definite object marker), *-(y)I* versus zero case marking.

-DI [definite past tense suffix]

person suffixes on the past tense suffix *-DI*

Different uses of the committative/instrumental case marker *-(y)lA*

Mini Test 3

Project:

Present a Turkish tradition

Cultural Studies and excursions

Exploring Taksim (the arts and entertainment center of Istanbul):

- French street
- Art exhibitions
- Modern Art museum
- Street markets and bazaars
- Cafes and music clubs

Watching movies and documentaries

Week-04

-mI [past reference and hearsay with *mI*]

-mI versus *-Dı*

The aorist *-Ar/Ir* (talking about general truths, habits, polite requests and expression of hopes)

The aorist versus *-(y)EcEk*, the aorist versus *-Iyor*.

Correct tense (present, past or future)

Correct case, general review

Writing, reading, speaking and listening exercises

Course wrap-up

Final Exam

Cultural Studies and excursions

Dolmabahce Palace

Naval Museum

Ortakoy

Bosphorus Tour (Visiting Rumeli Hisari, Uskudar, Kadikoy)