

CZE2201 / EUS3938*: Review & Progress in Czech

Spring 2024, 3 credits
MWF 7 (1:55-2:45), Ustler 101

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Class website: elearning.ufl.edu/ (Log in to Canvas using your Gatorlink ID & password)



Course objectives: This semester you will develop your interpretive, interpersonal and presentational skills and solidify your knowledge of Czech grammar and vocabulary within the context of city culture. We will study “Golden Prague” as imagined by writers, filmmakers, artists and architects—as well as by everyday Czechs who contribute to our cultural understanding through their travel writing, blogs or other contributions. You will take a "tour" of various Prague neighborhoods and will have an opportunity to study colloquial Czech, the Bohemian dialect spoken in Prague (Spoken Prague Czech). This class is intended for intermediate and advanced students and will be conducted entirely in Czech.

Prerequisites: CZE 2200 or equivalent (latter per instructor’s consent)

Required course materials: There are no texts to purchase. Texts will be provided by your instructor and/or accessed online.

Equipment: You will need reliable computer and internet access. Earphones/earbuds are highly recommended for listening assignments.

Course Requirements. Your final course grade will comprise the following components: Participation: 15%, Homework: 23%, Quizzes & Exams: 50%, Oral Presentations & Essay: 12%

*This is a multi-level language class. Assignments and assessments may be differentiated to accommodate students with different backgrounds or at different proficiency levels.

Participation – 15%

You are expected to arrive prepared and on time every day, ready to engage course materials and other students in Czech.

☞ To encourage daily practice & good habits, I will award participation points for:

- Attentiveness during class and overall engagement in course materials;
- Being a responsive partner during pair/group work;
- Preparation for class: Have you practiced concepts in HW so you can produce them in class without delay?
- **Consistent use of Czech in class!**

☞ I deduct participation points for the opposite behaviors:

- Inattentiveness, lack of engagement: texting, Facebooking, working on other things, etc.
- Being an unresponsive partner in pair/group work, failure to engage in assigned task.
- Being unprepared for class activities or disruptive: unfamiliar with HW points or extremely slow to recall expressions.
- **Defaulting to English**; unwillingness or inability to communicate in Czech.

****Absence policy**** - Unexcused absences will adversely affect your grade. If you *must* miss class due to an excused absence (family emergency, illness, religious holiday or participation in an approved academic / athletic event; click [here](#) to see UF's attendance policy), please let me know (in advance when possible) and be prepared to provide follow-up documentation.

Unexcused absences will be reflected in course grade as explained below:

<p>1 absence: No deduction. Everyone gets one “freebie.” :-)</p> <p>2-3 absences: Proportionate % subtracted from <i>Class Participation grade</i></p> <p>4+ absences: 2% subtracted from <u>overall</u> course grade per absence</p> <p>Arriving 10 minutes late on 3 occasions = 1 absence.</p>

I don't subtract points for excused absences, but they will still affect your performance so please contact me if you are gravely ill or expect to miss multiple classes so I can help you catch up!

Proficiency Exam: You may be asked to take a proficiency exam at the end of the semester to gauge your overall Czech language aptitude after studying Czech for multiple terms. Our designated final exam time is **10:00 AM-12:00 PM on Wed. May 1**, but I am amenable to alternative times if another time block can be agreed on. (Oral assessments will be done individually and can be taken on Zoom.) Grade will be based on participation.

Homework – 23%

Homework (HW) is an excellent way to practice Czech and receive feedback penalty-free. It's good preparation for exams and real-life encounters. If you do your homework every day--and do it *thoughtfully*, studying for exams should be a breeze. HW should take about 1.5 hours a night; if it takes you significantly more or less time, please let me know.

How to find & submit nightly homework (HW) on Canvas? All HW assignments can be found on Canvas under the current weekly Module. (If you don't see it there, please check under "Assignments"—the backdoor to HW on Canvas). Work should be done before the respective class ("před hodinou"). Work will be scored 1-100 depending on quality.

Late HW policy: HW is most effective if done when assigned. Since our class only meets every other day this year, you may turn in your HW just 1 **class period** (or 2 calendar days) after it is due without penalty. Anything after that will be downgraded by half. **NO** late work will be accepted after the respective unit. Homework will be marked and scored according to the following criteria:

Research & Reports – 12% (2 oral reports @ 4% + 1 written report worth 4%)

- **Research:** You will independently research two city-related topics. You are expected to use multiple Czech-language sources. The first will concern either the National Theater or National Muzeum; the second will concern Czech history/culture under the Habsburgs or WWI. (More details will be provided in class and on Canvas.)
- **Oral:** You will report orally on what you have learned—on the first topic in **Week 11** and on the second topic in **Week 14-15**. You should plan to speak about 8-10 minutes, and you should prepare PowerPoint (or similar) slides to accompany your presentation. Your slides should feature relevant headings or questions to guide or preface your talk; a few key, unfamiliar vocabulary terms that your classmates may need to understand your talk (please use dictionary format!); and relevant images or visual aids. While you may have some key words or headings to guide you, you should not read sentences verbatim--and will be downgraded for doing so!
- **Written:** You will submit a written draft (2.5-4 pages typed, double-spaced with 1-inch margins), related to your presentation topic(s). You are encouraged to submit a rough draft in advance (ideally at the time of your oral presentation) so that I can give you feedback before your final submission during Finals Week.
- **Assessment:** Please post a copy of your PPT slides to the relevant **Discussion** area of Canvas. You should turn in a written copy of your final essay and also post a backup copy in .docx format to the **Assignments** area of Canvas. You will be evaluated on both content and form and can find assessment **criteria** for both oral and written formats on Canvas. Late assignments may be downgraded one grade per day (ex. from a B+ to a C+).

Quizzes & Exams–50%

Quizzes on grammar and unit vocabulary will be given regularly to ensure course goals and to provide feedback on your progress. While most quizzes and exams will be announced in advance, you should be prepared for occasional unannounced ("pop") quizzes, too.

Exams will be given after the end of (one or two) thematic units. Note that this semester **you will be responsible for course content** (e.g., what you learn about Prague's history, legends, architecture, etc.) as **well as your ability to express yourself in Czech**. As always, grammar and vocabulary sections are graded discretely (whereby grammar errors = 1 point off, spelling errors = ½ point off); sections assessing integrated skills are graded more holistically based on overall performance. The best way to improve performance (how persuasively you argue a topic or how well you execute a given task) is to attend class regularly and do nightly work thoughtfully.

Make-up work - It is *your* responsibility to find out what you missed while absent and to make up any missed work. If you miss a test, quiz or oral presentation due to an excused absence, you may make it up. Advance permission is typically required for make-up privileges in the case of a non-excused absence. Note that make-up quizzes and exams may differ from original in content and/or format. All missed work should be made up within two weeks of your return to class. No missed work be accepted after the day the last class meeting (i.e., after finals week begins).

****Good student bonus:** As in CZE1130, 1131 and 2200, students who have completed all unit homework and have no unit absences can self-correct their exams and then submit their corrections for extra credit. In this way you can regain up to 50% of the points you originally missed. (For ex: a 70% will be raised to a max of 85%, provided all corrections are accurate.) Quizzes, open-book exams, and oral texts cannot be self-corrected for additional points.

Grades will be calculated based on the following point system:

(UF doesn't allow an A+)	88-89.99%	B+	78-79.99%	C+
93-100% A	83-87.99%	B	73-77.99%	C
90-92.99% A-	80-82.99%	B-	70-72.99%	C- etc.

Last Day to change grade to S/U basis: **Friday, Jan. 26.** More UF grade info can be found here: <https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/grades.aspx>

Tentative Weekly Course Schedule

The following schedule will give you an idea of which topics we will cover during the semester. For a daily schedule and specific homework assignments, please refer to nightly assignments on Canvas.

1. týden	Krok a jeho dcery (Vyšehrad)
2. týden	Krok a jeho dcery (Vyšehrad)
3. týden	Libuše a Přemysl (Vyšehrad)
4. týden	Libuše a Přemysl (Vyšehrad)
5. týden	Exam 1 , Karel IV. (Pražský hrad, Karlův most)
6. týden	Karel IV. (Pražský hrad, Karlův most)
7. týden	Golem (Josefov)
8. týden	Golem (Josefov), Exam 2
9. týden	Národní obrození (Národní divadlo, Národní muzeum)
10. týden	Národní obrození (Národní divadlo, Národní muzeum)
11. týden	Oral Report 1, Exam 3
11. týden	Malostranské povídky (Malá Strana)
12. týden	Malostranské povídky (Malá Strana)
13. týden	Malostranské povídky (Malá Strana), Exam 4
14. týden	Oral Report 2 , Hospodská kultura a protirakouská literatura (U Kalicha)
15. týden	Hospodská kultura a protirakouská literatura (U Kalicha)
16. týden	Catch up as needed, Exam 5
Zkoušková doba	Essay Due by Wednesday, May 1 by 5:00 PM. Proficiency exam.

Holidays & other important dates

- Monday, January 15: no class / Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- Spring break: March 11-15.
- Thursday & Friday, April 25-26: no classes at UF / reading days



ADDITIONAL NOTES

Academic Honesty & UF Honor Code

All students are bound by the Honor Pledge: "*[o]n all work submitted for credit by students at the university, the following pledge is either required or implied: On my honor, I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid in doing this assignment.*" Violations of the code (including acts like cheating, plagiarizing, multiple submissions, etc.) will not be tolerated. Before submitting any work for this class, please familiarize yourself with the Honor Code (especially pp. 11-13) and consequences for violating it: <https://regulations.ufl.edu/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/UF-Regulation-4.040.pdf>

Please note that using Google Translate (or similar tools) to write your assignments constitutes "unauthorized aid" (and usually yields glaring errors!).

Students Requiring Accommodations

Students with disabilities who experience learning barriers and would like to request academic accommodations should connect with the disability Resource Center by visiting <https://disability.ufl.edu/students/get-started/>. It is important for students to share their accommodation letter with their instructor and discuss their access needs, as early as possible in the semester.

Online Course Evaluations

At the end of the semester, you are expected to provide feedback on the quality of instruction in this course. These evaluations are conducted online at <https://gatorevals.ua.ufl.edu/students/>. Evaluations are typically open for you to complete during the last 2-3 weeks of the semester. Students will be notified when the evaluation periods opens, and they can complete evaluations through the email they receive on GatorEvals or via <https://ufl.bluera.com/ufl/>.

Counseling and Wellness Center (CWC)

The CWC teaches students skills to cope with anxiety and to support mental health and personal wellness. CWC services include traditional, group, and couples' therapy as well as consultation, crisis services, workshops, biofeedback, and more. Contact the CWC at: (352) 392-1575, 3190 Radio Road or counseling.ufl.edu/. Call the University Police Department: 392-1111 or 9-1-1 for emergencies.

Tentative nature of this syllabus: While I don't anticipate changes, I reserve the right to make adjustments to our course schedule and policies to ensure quality of instruction or to comply with UF policies. Any changes--whether due to extreme weather or pandemic--will be announced in class and on Canvas.

Czech-Related Opportunities & Deadlines:

- **Foreign Language and Area Studies grants.** Apply to CES by **Friday, February 2, 2024.** FLAS grants provide tuition and a stipend to help you continue Czech at UF during the 2021-22 academic year or to study intensively overseas this summer (int'l flight, room & board also covered). <https://ces.ufl.edu/funding/student-funding/foreign-language-area-studies-fellowships-flas/>
- Interested in a **B.A. degree** in International Studies? Czech language and area studies course can fulfill tracking requirements for the European focus. **Minor and Certificate** programs in Central European Studies will also allow you to combine your interest in Czech with a number of disciplines. Visit <https://ces.ufl.edu/academics/undergraduate-degreeprograms/> for info about academic programs sponsored by or housed in the Center for European Studies.
- The UF International Center ([UFIC](https://internationalcenter.ufl.edu/)) offers **study abroad** opportunities in Prague so you can continue your language and cultural studies overseas. There will be a study broad fair on the Reitz Union North Lawn on **Wednesday, January 24.** See more here: <https://internationalcenter.ufl.edu/study-abroad> .

Questions or concerns? Please contact me: hbraynard@ufl.edu

I am on campus 5 days/week and am happy to answer short questions whenever I'm around—before or after class, in a quick email message, phone call, etc. Longer questions or complicated concerns are better discussed in office hours or a separate meeting. If my office hours don't fit your schedule, please email me! We can schedule a meeting (F2F or Zoom) at another time!