

**Charles University, Faculty of Arts
East and Central European Studies**

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Czech Language for Everyday Use I.

CUFA CZE 102

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Course Description

The course is designed to teach students the basics of Czech language and at the same time to extend their knowledge of Czech culture and everyday life. The communicative approach and everyday vocabulary are emphasized. Students are supposed to communicate in various situations of everyday life (introducing oneself, asking about direction, shopping, restaurant, daily routine, likes and dislikes). Various linguistic skills should be developed in balance: knowledge of grammar, comprehension, speaking, and writing.

Course Goals and Student Learning Objectives

- To be able to communicate in common situations of everyday life
- To acquire the basics of the Czech grammar
- To extend an orientation in Czech culture and everyday life

Required Reading

Rejzek, J. (2004), Czech it out! I.

Assignments and Grading Policy

Grades based on letters A through F will be given. ECES does not provide courses with pass/fail grades. The final paper or test is a require component of the course. Failure to submit the final according to the deadline will result in a grade F for the entire course.

Participation (class performance, homework etc.)	– 40%
Midterm test	– 25 %
Final test	– 35%

Attendance

Regular and punctual class attendance is mandatory for all students. Absence of 180 minutes is allowed. Three or more absences (90 minutes each) lower the grade automatically (A to A-,

A to B+ in case of 4 absences etc.). Students must attend at least 70 % of the course. If a student attends less than 70 % of the class meetings, he or she will receive the final grade 'F' on their transcript.

Presentation Policy: Missing the presentation will result in an F (when applicable). If the student wants to switch the date, he/she must find someone to do it and both students must confirm the change in e-mails to the professor at least 10 days in advance. If the student is sick and has a medical note, then the professor must agree with the student on how the work will be made up for.

Final Test or Paper Policy: Completing the final test or paper is required. Failure to submit the final test or paper according to the deadline will result in a letter grade F for the entire course.

For further details, please see the Attendance Policy at the ECES website under “Academic Policies and Procedures”: <http://eces.ff.cuni.cz/>.

Student Responsibility and Code of Conduct

Standards of study and conduct in the ECES Program are set and maintained. You are subject to the general standards and requirements of Charles University in regard to attendance, examinations, and conduct, as well as to specific requirements of the program. The student is expected to assume the initiative in completing all requirements at the time specified.

It is the responsibility of the student to be informed concerning all regulations and procedures required. In no case will a regulation be waived or an exception granted because a student pleads ignorance of the regulation or asserts that he/she was not informed by an advisor or other authority.

Charles University expects all students to adhere to the highest standards of ethics and academic integrity. Students certify that all work (whether an examination, research paper, research project, form of creative expression, or any other academic undertaking) submitted for evaluation, presentation, or publication meets these standards.

All forms of academic fraud are strictly prohibited. An automatic grade of F will result for the entire course if a student is found guilty of academic misconduct. These include, but are not limited to:

- Plagiarism
- Cheating
- Falsification
- Violation of professional ethics
- Misrepresentation or research data

Weekly Schedule

Week 1 – 1. Pronunciation. Basic social phrases. Verb *to be*. Classification of nouns.
Where are you from? Introducing oneself.

2. Numerals. Demonstrative pronouns. Adjectives.

3. Adverbs of place. Where is ...? Possessive pronouns. My room.

Week 2 – 1. Present tense of verbs – types 1, 2. Accusative singular F. What I eat and drink. Czech eating and drinking habits. Minialogues – shopping.

2. Accusative – exercises. Likes and dislikes. At the restaurant.

Field trip: Staroměstské náměstí – Czech history in a nutshell

3. Midterm test. Accusative MA. Verbs „vědět, znát, umět“. Which famous Czechs do you know?

Week 3 – 1. Present tense of verbs – types 3a, 3b. Verbs – exercises.

2. Temporal adverbs. Days of the week. Verbs „jít, jet“ and prepositions.

3. Plural. Field trip

Week 4 - 1 Modal verbs. Dialogues – shopping..Revision.

2. Test

3. Correction of the test. Songs. Farewell coffee.