

Evening language programme 2026/27

Course title: Kurdish Kurmanji Beginners Part 2

Course descriptor/objectives

Kurdish Kurmanji Beginners Part II is designed for learners who have completed approximately 20 hours of introductory study and are ready to develop a stronger command of essential grammatical structures. This stage focuses on developing a clearer understanding of how Kurmanji sentences are formed, while increasing confidence in using these structures actively in spoken and real-life communication.

Through task-based learning, guided sentence-building, controlled practice, and short communicative activities, participants apply grammar in meaningful contexts. The instructor provides targeted feedback to support accuracy and clarity.

By the end of the course, participants will be able to:

1. **Construct more accurate and varied sentences** using common verb forms, personal pronouns, noun–adjective agreement, and basic connectors.
2. **Use present, past, and simple future structures** to discuss daily routines, past experiences, and plans.
3. **Form yes/no and questions formed with question words** and produce negative forms confidently across familiar topics.
4. **Apply key grammatical features** such as the ezafe construction, oblique forms, possession, and essential prepositions in sentence building.
5. **Participate in short spoken interactions** using clear, grammatically supported language.
6. **Read short texts and dialogues** with improved understanding of sentence structure and grammatical function.
7. **Write short paragraphs, descriptions, and simple narratives** using the grammar covered in class.

The course supports the needs of both heritage speakers and new learners by strengthening spelling, sentence formation, grammatical accuracy, and confidence in applying structures in spoken and written communication.

In seminars, participants will engage in practical exercises, role-plays, and group interaction to develop language-specific learning strategies. The instructor's role is to facilitate this process, provide appropriate tools and guidance, and support learners in becoming more independent and confident users of Kurdish.

Language-specific information:

Kurdish is spoken by an estimated 30–45 million people worldwide, primarily across eastern Turkey, northern Syria, Western Iran, and Northern Iraq, with significant diaspora communities in Western Europe, especially Germany, France, and the UK.

Kurmanji, the most widely spoken variety of Kurdish, with an estimated 15-20 million speakers, is also used in diaspora communities across Central Asia and the Caucasus, largely due to historical deportations and migrations during the Soviet era.

Kurmanji is written in the Latin alphabet, making it accessible for learners familiar with European languages. As a highly agglutinative and ergative language with a Subject–Object–Verb (SOV) word order, Kurmanji offers a rich linguistic experience and valuable insight into the culture and identity of Kurdish communities.

Prerequisite:

This non-credit bearing weekly course is intended for participants, who have completed a 10-week course for beginners (20 contact hours) or equivalent.

Coursebook and/or learning resources:

Worksheets, materials and resources are provided by the teacher.