



University
of Exeter



Evening language programme 2023/24

Course title: Introduction to Ukrainian language and culture – online

Course descriptor/objectives

The aim of this course is to bring together a wide variety of people who are interested in learning the Ukrainian language and in gaining an understanding of Ukrainian culture.

Participants will be introduced to the words, sounds, sentences, and meanings of the target language that will lead to an increased awareness of Ukrainian. By the end of this introduction an eager learner will be able to:

1. Understand very simple messages, for example notices, leaflets and place names, etc.
2. Understand simple phrases about themselves or people they know.
3. Conduct very short dialogues in a range of everyday situations and talk about themselves and people they know
4. Write very short simple notes and fill in registration forms with personal details

In seminars, participants will have to engage in practical exercises and group interaction in order to develop relevant language-specific learning strategies. The role of the instructor is to facilitate this process, provide useful tools and encourage participants to become basic users of the language.

Language-specific information:

In Ukraine, where it is the official state language, Ukrainian is spoken by around 30 million speakers. Being an East Slavonic language, Ukrainian is very similar to Russian and Belarusian and can be followed by speakers of both. In written form, Ukrainian makes use of the Ukrainian alphabet, which is a variant of Cyrillic script. In common use since the 17th Century, Ukrainian was banned from schools in the Russian Empire from 1804, but survived through literature and music in the west of Ukraine, which remained separate from the empire. In modern times, the language is increasingly being used in the capital city Kiev, which traditionally was mostly Russian-speaking.

Prerequisite:

This non-credit bearing weekly course is intended for complete beginners who wish to explore Ukrainian language and culture for the first time.

Technical requirements:

-PC, laptop or tablet with camera and microphone

-Stable internet connection

Delivery will be via Zoom or Teams

Once the course has been confirmed your teacher will invite you to the first session by 12:00 on the day of the course

Coursebook and/or Learning

Resources:

Worksheets, materials and resources provided in class