

## Introduction to Czech Language & Culture 2

CZE 1131 (Sec. 4244)

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M-F 3 (9:35-10:25 A.M.) in Turlington 3312

5 credits

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Office hours: \*Tentatively\* scheduled for T 3:00-4:00, W 10:30-12:30 & by appointment.

Website: <http://elearning.ufl.edu> (Log in to Sakai using your Gatorlink ID & password.)



### Course description

Welcome to Czech class! Vítám vás na kurzu češtiny! Whether your interest in Czech is social, academic or professional, knowledge of the Czech language will enrich your interaction with Czechs and Czech culture. This course aims to develop your communicative abilities in Czech -- reading, writing, listening and speaking -- while acquainting you with various aspects of Czech life. After the first-year sequence, you be able to converse with Czechs about your daily life, opinions, and interests. You will also gain the skills and strategies to begin studying sources related to your academic or professional interests. See page 4 to learn about scholarship opportunities or how to apply your language skills to other disciplines and study abroad!

**Prerequisites: CZE1130 or permission from instructor.**

**Required materials:** Available from UF bookstore, Amazon, etc.

- Susan Kresin et al., *Čeština hrou (Czech for Fun)*. Textbook and CDs – New York: McGraw-Hill Primis Custom Publishing, 2000. 2<sup>nd</sup> edition (red cover). ISBN: 9780072455472
- Susan Kresin et al., *Čeština hrou (Czech for Fun)*. Workbook – New York: McGraw-Hill Primis Custom Publishing, 1997. ISBN: 0070350132.
- A notebook or binder to hold the many handouts you print or receive in class.
- Flashcards: make them yourself or buy blank ones like those from Visual Ed ([http://www.visual-ed.com/products/?s\\_category=Blank\\_cards](http://www.visual-ed.com/products/?s_category=Blank_cards))

**UF's Language Learning Center** provides various resources—including booths where you can listen to CDs or record your voice. It is located in 1317 Turlington Hall (enter from outside the building—near the vending machines or "potato" sculpture). You can call 392-2112 or visit <http://www.clas.ufl.edu/lc/> for their hours and other info.

### Your course grade will consist of the following components:

- Class Participation – 15% (each week = 1%; includes absence policy below)
- Homework – 20%
- Quizzes and Exams – 50%
- Final Exam – 15%

### Class Participation – 15%

The first step to succeeding in this class is arriving on time every day, ready to participate. Active participation means coming to class prepared and eager to communicate in Czech. You shouldn't be afraid of making mistakes (they're a natural part of learning), but you need to pay attention and focus during instruction and pair/group activities. Persistent use of English in class (especially during pair/group activities) will be downgraded! No texting, Facebook, etc. allowed in class!

**\*\*Absence policy\*\*** -- If you *must* miss class due to an excused absence (family emergency, illness, religious holiday or participation in an approved academic or athletic event), please let me know (in advance whenever possible) and be prepared to provide follow-up documentation. Note that it is always *your* responsibility to find out what you missed while absent and make up any missed work. Repeated unexcused absences will be reflected in course grade as below:

**1-5 absences** – proportionate % subtracted from *Class Participation* grade  
**6-14 absences** – ½ letter subtracted from overall course *grade* (i.e., A- > B+)  
**15 absences** – failing/"E" grade in course overall  
**\*\*\*Arriving 10+ min. late 4 times = 1 absence\*\*\***

### Homework – 20%

Homework is the next step to succeeding in this course. It's an excellent opportunity to practice concepts presented in class and receive feedback on your work penalty-free. If you do a little each night – and do it thoughtfully, studying for exams will be much easier.

Each Monday you will receive a handout listing the homework scheduled for that week. Please do work when it is assigned; all work received more than 2 class days after it is due will be downgraded by half; no late work will be accepted after the respective unit exam. **Please write the page number(s) and exercise number(s) on each assignment you turn in along with the original due date.** (Thank you in advance! This greatly facilitates my recordkeeping!)

Homework will be marked according to the following criteria:

✓ = Average to good work; the day's work receives 1 point. (Most work receives this grade.)  
-- = No credit until you redo indicated section & resubmit *entire day's work*. See teacher for help.  
*I* = Incomplete; no credit until you complete missing portion & resubmit *entire day's work*.  
+ = Submitted the day assigned & shows exceptional skill & creativity. You will not receive additional HW points (since a "✓" earns full credit), but multiple plus grades can raise your participation grade (superior preparation for class) or make up for a rare missed assignment.

### Quizzes & exams – 50%

There will be several scheduled quizzes and unit exams during the semester – as well as a few pop-quizzes. If you know you will be late or absent on the day of a scheduled test or quiz, you must tell me in advance, or you will not be allowed to make it up. In the event of *documented* illness, students should contact instructor either to take a make-up "wild card" quiz or choose to have the missing grade omitted from final grade tally.) I will drop your lowest quiz grade at the end of the semester.

Most unit exams contain both written and oral components: grammar and vocabulary sections are graded discretely – based on the number of errors; oral skills and writing are graded more holistically – based on how successfully you execute a given task. In discrete sections, spelling errors count as a 1/2 point, and grammar and vocabulary mistakes count as 1 point. Grading criteria for oral and writing sections will be provided prior to the first exam. There is no midterm.

**\*\*Good student bonus\*\*** -- Students who have completed **all unit homework** and have **no unit absences** can self-correct their unit exam and then submit their corrections for extra credit. In this way students can regain up to 50% of the points they originally missed (i.e., a 70% will be raised to a max of 85%, provided all corrections are accurate). Quizzes and take-home exams cannot be self-corrected for additional points.

Students who earn an **"A" grade on every unit exam** (self-corrections don't count!) don't have to take the final exam. Should you choose not to take it quiz & exam grades will be worth 65% rather than 50%.

*Final exam – 15% (Exam Code 27A: Wednesday, April 27, 2016 at 7:30-9:30 A.M.)*

The final exam in this course is cumulative, incorporating thematic topics and grammar points from the entire semester. The final will contain both written and oral sections. For the oral component students will work in pairs (or threes), executing a task or performing a scenario.

*Need a grade boost? Optional Class presentation (referát)– earn up to 1%*

Your oral presentation (*referát*) should address some aspect of Czech culture. Further details will be provided later in class or on class website (this semester it is delivered entirely in Czech). An "A" *referát* grade will raise your final class grade by 1%; a "B" by .50%; no extra credit for "C" or lower grades.

### Grading scale

There is no curve in this class; all outstanding work will receive an "A". Grades will be based on the following point system:

100%	A+	87-89%	B+	77-79%	C+
93-99%	A outstanding	83-86%	B very good	73-76%	C satisfactory
90-92%	A-	80-82%	B-	70-72%	C- etc.

At the end of the semester all scores will be tabulated and converted to UF's standard grading scale, a four-point scale whereby A = 4, A - = 3.67, B + 3.33, B = 3, B - = 2.67, etc.

### \*Tentative\* Weekly Course Schedule.

Below are the general themes & grammatical points we will cover this semester (based on the next four chapters in *Čeština hrou*). Please see the weekly homework sheets posted on Sakai each Monday for specific nightly assignments. (Should you ever **not** see a new weekly sheet posted, please see the main course home page for short-term instructions for that evening.)

Week 1	Chapter 5	Future tense / New year's resolutions / predictions
Week 2	Chapter 5	Verbal aspect / Free time & chores
Week 3	Chapter 5	Modal verbs, instrumental case / Likes & dislikes, making plans
Week 4	Chapter 5	Review: verbal aspect vis-a-vis past, present, future
Week 5	Chapter 6	Education / review of accusative case
Week 6	Chapter 6	Czech university / genitive case
Week 7	Chapter 6	Plans after college, travel / time expressions, into to motion verbs
Week 8	Chapter 6-7	Pros/Cons of UF & Gainesville / quantifiers, more genitive case
Week 9	Chapter 7	Holidays / Dates, months, years
Week 10	Chapter 7	Gifts / Dative case
Week 11	Chapter 7	Holiday wishes; other communication / more dative case
Week 12	Chapter 8	Daily routines / time expressions, review of cases
Week 13	Chapter 8	Clothing & weather / impersonal expressions & case review
Week 14	Chapter 8	Rules, traditions, etiquette / passive voice
Week 15		Catch up & Review

### 2016 Holidays & other important dates (no school)

Monday, January 18 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Saturday-Sunday, February 27-March 5 – Spring Break

Thursday-Friday, April 21-22 – Reading days (classes end Wed. 4/20)

## **ADA Statement / Accommodations**

Students with disabilities requiring academic accommodations should 1) register with and provide documentation to the Dean of Students Office Disability Resources (DRP) in 0001 Building 0020 (Reid Hall) and 2) bring an Accommodation Letter to me from DRP indicating what type of accommodation you need within the first two weeks of class. For further information, call (352) 352-392-8565 or visit the DRP web site: <https://www.dso.ufl.edu/drc/>

## **Academic Honesty / Honor Code**

All students will be held to the UF Honor Code. If you have any questions about what constitutes academic dishonesty and unethical conduct at UF, please consult the catalog: <https://www.dso.ufl.edu/sccr/process/student-conduct-honor-code/>

## **Real-world Czech--the reason you're learning the language!**

Feel free to explore these sites outside of class (or ask me for others):

- [seznam.cz/](http://seznam.cz/) - a Czech search engine (with a **good online dictionary** at the very top of the page!)
- [radio.cz/](http://radio.cz/) - for both print and audio versions of articles in six languages
- [czech-tv.cz/vysilani/](http://czech-tv.cz/vysilani/) – for Czech TV broadcasts
- [lidovky.cz/](http://lidovky.cz/) – a popular daily newspaper
- [praguepost.com/](http://praguepost.com/) - Prague's English language newspaper
- [hrad.cz/](http://hrad.cz/) - official site of the Czech government
- [europa.eu/](http://europa.eu/) - (then click on "Portál Evropské unie) - official site of the EU with Czech links
- [bohemia.com/](http://bohemia.com/) - for links on Czech language and culture
- [recepty.cz/](http://recepty.cz/) - cook a Czech dish
- [zoopraha.cz/](http://zoopraha.cz/) – meet the animals in the Prague zoo – or even adopt one
- [villagecinemas.cz/program-andel.html/](http://villagecinemas.cz/program-andel.html/)- pick a movie to go see
- [expats.cz/](http://expats.cz/) - a great resource for those living in the Czech Republic (or just considering it)
- [idos.cz/](http://idos.cz/) - find local & int'l transit info (planes, trains, buses, trams & metro)
- [jobs.cz/](http://jobs.cz/) - find a job in the Czech Republic

## **What's next? Can I major/minor in Czech? Can I study overseas? UF now offers...**

- UF in Prague overseas summer program. Apply to UFIC by **March 18, 2016**.  
[https://www.abroad.ufic.ufl.edu/index.cfm?FuseAction=programs.ViewProgram&Program\\_ID=10020](https://www.abroad.ufic.ufl.edu/index.cfm?FuseAction=programs.ViewProgram&Program_ID=10020)
- Scholarships to study abroad (through UFIC). Apply by **Feb. 11, 2016**.  
<http://www.ufic.ufl.edu/sas/ScholarshipApplication.html>
- Foreign Language and Area Studies grants. FLAS grants provide financial support for you to continue Czech at UF or to study intensively overseas this summer. Apply by **Feb. 12, 2016**.  
<http://ces.ufl.edu/fellowships-2/student-fellowships/flas/>
- 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 <http://ces.ufl.edu/academics/undergraduate-academics/> for info about academic programs sponsored by or housed in the Center for European Studies.

## **Questions or concerns? Please contact me!**

I am on campus 5 days/week and am happy to answer short questions whenever I'm around—before or after class, by email, phone call, or an impromptu office visit. Longer questions or complicated concerns are better discussed in office hours or a separate meeting. No appointments are needed to visit me during office hours; if you can't call or come by then, we can set up an appointment at another time!