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Dept of International Studies

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General Information

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Credit points

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Prerequisites

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description

This unit is for non-background speakers and also for people of Croatian background whose Croatian is limited, marginal and/or highly ungrammatical due to lack of practice or formal training.

Important Academic Dates

Information about important academic dates including deadlines for withdrawing from units are available at <https://www.mq.edu.au/study/calendar-of-dates>

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this unit, you will be able to:

Reading: understand very short, simple texts a single phrase at the time, picking up familiar names, words and basic phrases and rereading as required.

Listening: follow speech that is very slow and carefully articulated, with long pauses for the learner to assimilate meaning.

Writing: ask for or pass on personal details in written form; write simple isolated phrases and sentences.

Spoken Interaction: interact in a simple way but communication is totally dependent on repetition at a slower rate of speech, rephrasing and repair; ask and answer simple questions, initiate and respond to simple statements in areas of immediate need or on very familiar topics.

Spoken Production: produce simple mainly isolated phrases about people and places.

Assessment Tasks

Name	Weighting	Due
<u>Assignment 1</u>	5%	28/03/14
<u>Assignment 2</u>	5%	07/04/14
<u>Assignment 3</u>	5%	18/04/14
<u>Assignment 4</u>	5%	28/04/14
<u>Assignment 5</u>	5%	08/05/14
<u>Assignment 6</u>	5%	17/05/14
<u>Assignment 7</u>	5%	26/05/14
<u>Assignment 8</u>	5%	06/06/14
<u>Final written examination</u>	40%	Final exam timetable
<u>Oral Examination</u>	20%	10th June 2014

Assignment 1

Due: **28/03/14**

Weighting: **5%**

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Reading: understand very short, simple texts a single phrase at the time, picking up familiar names, words and basic phrases and rereading as required.
- Writing: ask for or pass on personal details in written form; write simple isolated phrases and sentences.

Assignment 2

Due: **07/04/14**

Weighting: **5%**

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Reading: understand very short, simple texts a single phrase at the time, picking up familiar names, words and basic phrases and rereading as required.
- Listening: follow speech that is very slow and carefully articulated, with long pauses for

the learner to assimilate meaning.

- Writing: ask for or pass on personal details in written form; write simple isolated phrases and sentences.

Assignment 3

Due: **18/04/14**

Weighting: **5%**

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Reading: understand very short, simple texts a single phrase at the time, picking up familiar names, words and basic phrases and rereading as required.
- Listening: follow speech that is very slow and carefully articulated, with long pauses for the learner to assimilate meaning.
- Writing: ask for or pass on personal details in written form; write simple isolated phrases and sentences.

Assignment 4

Due: **28/04/14**

Weighting: **5%**

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Reading: understand very short, simple texts a single phrase at the time, picking up familiar names, words and basic phrases and rereading as required.
- Writing: ask for or pass on personal details in written form; write simple isolated phrases and sentences.

Assignment 5

Due: **08/05/14**

Weighting: **5%**

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Reading: understand very short, simple texts a single phrase at the time, picking up familiar names, words and basic phrases and rereading as required.
- Writing: ask for or pass on personal details in written form; write simple isolated phrases and sentences.

Assignment 6

Due: **17/05/14**

Weighting: **5%**

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Reading: understand very short, simple texts a single phrase at the time, picking up familiar names, words and basic phrases and rereading as required.
- Writing: ask for or pass on personal details in written form; write simple isolated phrases and sentences.

Assignment 7

Due: **26/05/14**

Weighting: **5%**

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Reading: understand very short, simple texts a single phrase at the time, picking up familiar names, words and basic phrases and rereading as required.
- Writing: ask for or pass on personal details in written form; write simple isolated phrases and sentences.
- Spoken Interaction: interact in a simple way but communication is totally dependent on repetition at a slower rate of speech, rephrasing and repair; ask and answer simple questions, initiate and respond to simple statements in areas of immediate need or on very familiar topics.

Assignment 8

Due: **06/06/14**

Weighting: **5%**

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Reading: understand very short, simple texts a single phrase at the time, picking up familiar names, words and basic phrases and rereading as required.
- Writing: ask for or pass on personal details in written form; write simple isolated phrases and sentences.
- Spoken Interaction: interact in a simple way but communication is totally dependent on repetition at a slower rate of speech, rephrasing and repair; ask and answer simple questions, initiate and respond to simple statements in areas of immediate need or on very familiar topics.
- Spoken Production: produce simple mainly isolated phrases about people and places.

Final written examination

Due: **Final exam timetable**

Weighting: **40%**

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Reading: understand very short, simple texts a single phrase at the time, picking up familiar names, words and basic phrases and rereading as required.
- Writing: ask for or pass on personal details in written form; write simple isolated phrases and sentences.

Oral Examination

Due: **10th June 2014**

Weighting: **20%**

Oral examination will be held during last week of classes in June.

Delivery and Resources

A Few Useful Suggestions

Try to do some Croatian every day, even if it is only half an hour. Remember that learning the language is a process of acquiring a skill, rather like learning to swim, and progress can be made only if the learner practises. Knowing in theory what to do with one's arms and legs is not the same as being able to swim, and the same applies to languages. Knowing the rules will certainly help you understand, speak and write the language, but practice will make you fluent and confident. It is worth remembering that, with a bit of ingenuity, it should be possible to listen to your CD regularly while you are engaged in other necessary activities, i.e. housework, gardening, long car trips, etc.

I suggest you use the following procedure for studying each lesson. First, listen to the dialogue at least two or three times, trying to understand what it is about, in general at first and later in detail. Next, check in the vocabulary and grammar section whether your understanding of the content is correct.

When you feel you understand the text, listen to it again, this time paying attention to the pronunciation. Try to mouth the words and sentences, silently at first. Listen to the text again, this time repeating loudly after the recorded voices.

On-campus Session

The on-campus session will be held at Macquarie University on **Saturday 4th May** (Room W6A 117) 9:30 am - 4:00 pm. You are urged to attend if at all possible. The on-campus session will provide a lecture on grammar, conversation, tutorials and reading exercises. There will be drills

on grammar and vocabulary as covered in the course text-book.

The on-campus session is not compulsory but it is strongly recommended.

This unit has an online presence in iLearn <http://ilearn.mq.edu.au>. Students require access to a computer and the internet.

There are no changes since the last offering of this unit.

Unit Schedule

- To enable the student to acquire basic language skills necessary for communication (both oral and written) at an introductory level.
- To provide the student with sufficient reading and writing skills to read relatively simple texts and write short compositions on selected themes.
- To teach the spoken language as it is used by native speakers, with attention to pronunciation, inflections, word-formation, syntax and linguistic functions.
- To train students in aural comprehension.
- To acquaint students with basic styles of spoken and written language.
- To impart a knowledge of Croatian life and culture, especially in the Australian context.

Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from [Policy Central](#). Students should be aware of the following policies in particular with regard to Learning and Teaching:

Academic Honesty Policy http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/academic_honesty/policy.html

Assessment Policy <http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/assessment/policy.html>

Grading Policy <http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/grading/policy.html>

Grade Appeal Policy <http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/gradeappeal/policy.html>

Grievance Management Policy http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/grievance_management/policy.html

Disruption to Studies Policy http://www.mq.edu.au/policy/docs/disruption_studies/policy.html *The Disruption to Studies Policy is effective from March 3 2014 and replaces the Special Consideration Policy.*

In addition, a number of other policies can be found in the [Learning and Teaching Category](#) of Policy Central.

Student Code of Conduct

Macquarie University students have a responsibility to be familiar with the Student Code of Conduct: https://students.mq.edu.au/support/student_conduct/

Late Assignment Policy - International Studies

Assignments are compulsory and must be submitted on time. As a general rule, extensions will not be granted without a valid and documented reason (e.g. medical certificate). Late submissions will be penalised by 5% for each day (including weekends) the assignment task is late. No assignments will be accepted after assignments have been corrected and feedback has been provided. Assignment tasks handed in early will not be marked and returned before the due date.

Student Support

Macquarie University provides a range of support services for students. For details, visit <http://students.mq.edu.au/support/>

Learning Skills

Learning Skills (mq.edu.au/learningskills) provides academic writing resources and study strategies to improve your marks and take control of your study.

- [Workshops](#)
- [StudyWise](#)
- [Academic Integrity Module for Students](#)
- [Ask a Learning Adviser](#)

Student Services and Support

Students with a disability are encouraged to contact the [Disability Service](#) who can provide appropriate help with any issues that arise during their studies.

Student Enquiries

For all student enquiries, visit Student Connect at ask.mq.edu.au

IT Help

For help with University computer systems and technology, visit <http://informatics.mq.edu.au/help/>.

When using the University's IT, you must adhere to the [Acceptable Use Policy](#). The policy applies to all who connect to the MQ network including students.

Graduate Capabilities

Commitment to Continuous Learning

Our graduates will have enquiring minds and a literate curiosity which will lead them to pursue knowledge for its own sake. They will continue to pursue learning in their careers and as they participate in the world. They will be capable of reflecting on their experiences and relationships with others and the environment, learning from them, and growing - personally, professionally

and socially.

This graduate capability is supported by:

Learning outcomes

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Discipline Specific Knowledge and Skills

Our graduates will take with them the intellectual development, depth and breadth of knowledge, scholarly understanding, and specific subject content in their chosen fields to make them competent and confident in their subject or profession. They will be able to demonstrate, where relevant, professional technical competence and meet professional standards. They will be able to articulate the structure of knowledge of their discipline, be able to adapt discipline-specific knowledge to novel situations, and be able to contribute from their discipline to inter-disciplinary solutions to problems.

This graduate capability is supported by:

Learning outcomes

- Reading: understand very short, simple texts a single phrase at the time, picking up familiar names, words and basic phrases and rereading as required.
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Critical, Analytical and Integrative Thinking

We want our graduates to be capable of reasoning, questioning and analysing, and to integrate and synthesise learning and knowledge from a range of sources and environments; to be able to critique constraints, assumptions and limitations; to be able to think independently and systemically in relation to scholarly activity, in the workplace, and in the world. We want them to have a level of scientific and information technology literacy.

This graduate capability is supported by:

Learning outcomes

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Problem Solving and Research Capability

Our graduates should be capable of researching; of analysing, and interpreting and assessing data and information in various forms; of drawing connections across fields of knowledge; and they should be able to relate their knowledge to complex situations at work or in the world, in order to diagnose and solve problems. We want them to have the confidence to take the initiative in doing so, within an awareness of their own limitations.

This graduate capability is supported by:

Assessment task

- Final written examination

Creative and Innovative

Our graduates will also be capable of creative thinking and of creating knowledge. They will be imaginative and open to experience and capable of innovation at work and in the community. We want them to be engaged in applying their critical, creative thinking.

This graduate capability is supported by:

Learning outcomes

- Spoken Interaction: interact in a simple way but communication is totally dependent on repetition at a slower rate of speech, rephrasing and repair; ask and answer simple questions, initiate and respond to simple statements in areas of immediate need or on very familiar topics.
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Effective Communication

We want to develop in our students the ability to communicate and convey their views in forms effective with different audiences. We want our graduates to take with them the capability to read, listen, question, gather and evaluate information resources in a variety of formats, assess, write clearly, speak effectively, and to use visual communication and communication technologies as appropriate.

This graduate capability is supported by:

Learning outcomes

- Listening: follow speech that is very slow and carefully articulated, with long pauses for

the learner to assimilate meaning.

- Writing: ask for or pass on personal details in written form; write simple isolated phrases and sentences.
- Spoken Interaction: interact in a simple way but communication is totally dependent on repetition at a slower rate of speech, rephrasing and repair; ask and answer simple questions, initiate and respond to simple statements in areas of immediate need or on very familiar topics.
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Engaged and Ethical Local and Global citizens

As local citizens our graduates will be aware of indigenous perspectives and of the nation's historical context. They will be engaged with the challenges of contemporary society and with knowledge and ideas. We want our graduates to have respect for diversity, to be open-minded, sensitive to others and inclusive, and to be open to other cultures and perspectives: they should have a level of cultural literacy. Our graduates should be aware of disadvantage and social justice, and be willing to participate to help create a wiser and better society.

This graduate capability is supported by:

Learning outcomes

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Required and recommended readings

Required and recommended texts

1. Required texts

Marica Čilaš-Mikulić, et. al. **Hrvatski za početnike 1, Udžbenik i rječnik** (Zagreb: Hrvatska sveučilišna naklada, 2006) with a CD;

Marica Čilaš-Mikulić, et. al. **Hrvatski za početnike 1, Vježbenica i gramatički pregled** (Zagreb: Hrvatska sveučilišna naklada, 2006);

Both books and a CD may be purchased from the University Co-op Bookshop; phone: (02) 8986 4000; email: macquarie-tbuzer1@coop-bookshop.com.au

2. Recommended texts

Vinko Grubišić, **Croatian Grammar** (Hrvatska sveučilišna naklada & HIŠAK, 2007) - Excellent Reference Grammar;

Celia Hawkeworth, **Colloquial Croatian** (Comes with a CD)