

## **Lifelong Learning Programme**

### **„Croatian Language and Culture for Foreigners – modules A 1.1 and A 1.2“**

Are you a foreigner working in Croatia or staying here for some other reason? Would you like to master basic written and spoken Croatian and thus communicate more easily in the new environment?

Enrol in our course „Croatian Language and Culture for Foreigners – modules A 1.1 and A 1.2“ and acquire the communicative competences in Croatian language necessary in everyday business and private situations.

#### **Learn more**

#### **Why choose Croatian language for foreigners?**

Every year more and more foreigners who all speak their different languages choose to live and work in the Republic of Croatia. Despite the dominance of English, mastering and using the language of the country you are in, be it a world language or a local one, brings you competitive advantage in your everyday interaction, making you more independent in communication and eventually improving your life in the new, unfamiliar environment.

#### **Course description**

The course comprises a language and a cultural module, as well as pronunciation exercises. In other words, course participants will learn Croatian grammar, vocabulary and pronunciation, as well as some basics of Croatian culture (history, geography, literature, music, art, popular culture, sports ...).

The learning outcomes, teaching methods and content have been aligned with the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR), the document issued by the Council of Europe standardizing the assessment of foreign language knowledge and competences in the European Union.

In accordance with CEFR, the complete course, in its integrated form, consists of two modules (A 1.1. and A 1.2). Each module has 75 teaching hours (150 hours of language learning); after having completed both modules, participants master the Croatian language on A 1 level.

Participants can also take an accelerated, 6 module course, with each module consisting of 25 teaching hours.

#### **INTEGRATED COURSE**

<b>Level (module)</b>	<b>Teaching hours</b>	<b>Mode of instruction</b>	<b>Price</b>
A 1.1	75	15 weeks x 5 hours a week	
A 1.2	75	15 weeks x 5 hours a week	

## ACCELERATED COURSES

	Level (module)	Teaching hours	Mode of instruction	Price
Course 1	A 1.1 (part 1)	25	5 weeks x 5 hours a week	
Course 2	A 1.1 (part 2)	25	5 weeks x 5 hours a week	
Course 3	A 1.1 (part 3)	25	5 weeks x 5 hours a week	
Course 4	A 1.2 (part 1)	25	5 weeks x 5 hours a week	
Course 5	A 1.2 (part 2)	25	5 weeks x 5 hours a week	
Course 6	A 1.2 (part 3)	25	5 weeks x 5 hours a week	

### Course objectives

The course aims to enable participants to acquire communication competence in Croatian at the beginner level using a communicative approach to language teaching. Accordingly, participants will be taught language skills which will enable them to use Croatian language in everyday business and private situations.

### Learning outcomes

Upon completing the course participants will be able to:

- interact with other people on a very basic level , recognizing and identifying familiar words and basic phrases that concern them (introducing, greeting, naming different jobs, nationalities), their family (describing family members) and their immediate environment (descriptions, belongings, spatial relations)
- interpret familiar names, words and very simple sentences when reading short texts in Croatian
- have a simple conversation (in the context of meeting someone, getting and following directions) provided the person they are speaking to is ready to modify what is being said by repeating, slowing down or rephrasing the words and is willing to help them formulate what they are trying to say; ask simple questions and give simple answers within familiar contexts.
- fill in forms with personal details (their name, nationality and address, e.g. at check-in into a hotel or when completing other documents such as requests/applications, ...)
- use simple phrases and sentences to say where they are from and where they live, and to describe people they know (nationality, character traits, ...)
- write simple isolated phrases and sentences (S + V + O) using vocabulary they have learnt

## **Who is the course aimed at?**

This course can be enrolled and attended by any foreigners with regulated legal status in the Republic of Croatia (foreigners with granted temporary residence according to the Law on Foreigners, Official Gazette 79/07), as well as citizens of the Republic of Croatia whose second language is Croatian, i.e. who are not native speakers of Croatian.

## **Time and venue**

Classes are organized as lectures and language and phonetic exercises. They are held in five 45-minute sessions per week, either once (5-period blocks) or twice a week (two 2.5 period blocks), depending on the needs and preferences of the participants.

Venue: premises of the branch campus in Zagreb (Lastovska 23, 1<sup>st</sup> floor, 10000 Zagreb) / premises of the University of Applied Sciences Baltazar in Zaprešić (Vladimira Novaka 23, 10290, Zaprešić) / as in-house courses at the client's premises

## **Participants' obligations**

Regular attendance, active class participation, passing the final exam (written part, oral part, reading, listening).

## **Price**

First part of the A 1.1 course (25 teaching hours): 5 weeks x 5 teaching hours per week

HRK 1,600.00 per student

The price includes a textbook and class materials.

Payment option: credit card (up to five instalments).

Discounts available for the participants from the same organisation:

2 participants – 10%

3 participants – 20%

Early enrolment – 10%

## **Course instructor**

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Mateja Šporčić is a lecturer at the University of Applied Sciences Baltazar Zaprešić. In the academic years 2014/2015 - 2019/2020 she taught Croatian language to foreign students within her course *Croatian language and culture for foreigners 1 and 2*. She has presented

papers at three professional and scientific conferences for teachers of Croatian as a second or foreign language. She has published two scientific and one professional paper in this field.

### **Enrolment conditions**

- signed enrolment contract - OIB (personal identification number) needed
- paid first instalment

### **Content of the document received upon completion of the course**

At the end of the course each participant receives a certificate written in Croatian containing the name of the course, a list of covered topics, names and surnames of the teachers and the number of teaching hours.

### **Start of classes**

After the group has been formed.

### **Mode of instruction**

Classes are held in classrooms or at the client's premises with the use of audio-visual aids.

### **Contact and enrolment**

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