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WELCOME TO BOSNIAN-CROATIAN-SERBIAN!

We want your experience with our department to be a good one. This information sheet has been prepared to outline what you can expect from us and what we will expect of you during the quarter.

NEED HELP?

We are proud of our department's good teaching record and our personal interest in our students. So, if at any time you have questions or feel yourself falling behind, help is available.

We regard office hours as "your time" and are always willing to meet with you. Even if you do not have any difficulties, problems, or concerns, you are welcome to stop by simply to get more speaking practice. If you would prefer, use e-mail to ask questions or voice concerns. So, drop in on your instructor during regularly scheduled office hours.

STUDY HINTS

To learn a language well, daily study and practice are needed. Language learning is a combination of both intellectual and skill (habit) learning. In order to excel, you must practice daily in learning a language.

The time one needs to dedicate to studying Bosnian-Croatian-Serbian varies from person to person. Still, here's a thought: Your teacher will spend 1 to 2 hours per day outside of class correcting your papers, planning the next day's lesson, and making up tests. You should be willing to put as much effort into learning Bosnian-Croatian-Serbian as your teacher does in teaching it to you. Two hours per day outside class will, if done faithfully, virtually guarantee your success in Bosnian-Croatian-Serbian.

Here is what you can do with those 2 hours per day, 5 days per week, set aside for studying Bosnian-Croatian-Serbian:

- listen to the audio for the current material once;
- take a 10-minute break (but no more!), stand up and walk around;
- do the next day's written and reading assignments;
- if all of the above took less than an hour, you may fill the rest of the time by reviewing vocabulary words (make flash cards?), verb conjugations, noun/adjective/pronoun declensions, or you may go over mistakes you made on past homework assignments and tests;
- listen to the audio again.

If you do this 5 times a week, you cannot help but learn.

The UW Language Learning Center (LLC), located in Denny Hall 108, is an excellent source of additional materials available to you at your own convenience. You may access it via the Internet at <http://depts.washington.edu/llc/>.

DISABILITY ACCOMMODATIONS

To request Academic accommodations due to a disability, please contact Disabled Student Services, Schmitz Hall 448, (206) 543-8924. If you have a letter from them indicating that you have a disability that requires academic accommodations, you must present a letter to your instructor or the coordinator so we can discuss accommodations you might need in this class.

CLASSROOM RULES FOR BOSNIAN-CROATIAN-SERBIAN LANGUAGE CLASSES

The following is a list of rules that were devised so that all students may experience a comfortable and productive learning environment. Many of these rules are self-evident and already observed by most students. However, it is helpful for everyone in the group to understand explicitly what type of behavior is expected in Bosnian-Croatian-Serbian language classrooms. All students are expected to abide by these rules, and students will be held accountable for any infraction of these rules.

Thank you for your cooperation. Please, see your instructor if you have any questions or concerns.

1. Plagiarism (representing the work of others as your own) will not be tolerated. While students are encouraged to form study partnerships, each individual student is responsible for their own work. Since any suspected cases of academic misconduct will be handled according to University regulations, we expect that you will know and follow the policies on plagiarism and cheating, detailed on the Internet at <http://depts.washington.edu/grading/issue1/honesty.htm>.
2. The use of profanity in the classroom will not be tolerated.
3. Chewing gum or eating is not acceptable in the language classroom. Soft drinks are allowed, as long as they do not interfere with your ability to speak Bosnian-Croatian-Serbian. Please, observe University signs prohibiting food and drink where posted.
4. The use of cellular telephones in the classroom is not acceptable.
5. In order to promote Bosnian-Croatian-Serbian language learning, it is necessary to maximize your opportunities to speak and hear Bosnian-Croatian-Serbian. In the classroom, you are therefore expected to use Bosnian-Croatian-Serbian at all times.
6. In this course, you will be asked to express personal opinions and to talk and write about yourself, your family, and your friends. If you prefer, you do not need to discuss or reveal any personal information; instead you may provide fictitious information. When you are being creative, you are expected to keep in mind the general purpose of the activity by using relevant vocabulary and expressions.
7. Your instructor may ask that you change your seat in order to work in pairs or small groups. You may also be asked to move, if the instructor or your fellow classmates are unable to hear you. You should be prepared to change your seat at your instructor's request.
8. From time to time you will be required to stop by your instructor's office. Every attempt will be made to find a mutually convenient time, but the responsibility is ultimately yours.