Academic year/term: Summer 2010
Instructor: Meltem Muslu
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Course days/hours: M-F 9:00-11:30 1:30-3:30
Office Hours:
Please feel free to come to see me during office hours. If you cannot see me during office hours, please make sure that you contact me to make an appointment that fits both your schedule and mine. Email is the quickest and most reliable way to contact me. The preferred language for the emails is Turkish if there isn’t an emergency or there isn’t any other way to express yourself.

Course Description:
This course is designed for learners who are interested in Turkish language and culture, and who have no previous knowledge of the language. The course will provide foundation for the learning the basics of Turkish through grounding in the structure of sentences and current usage with the emphasis on oral communication. The course will equally focus on listening, speaking, reading, and writing. The first few weeks emphasize pronunciation and grammar. I will make accommodation according to the students who have disability in following the course.

Course Objectives:
By the end of the quarter, you will have:

- Learned beginner level Turkish grammar and be able to use it to express yourself, to introduce yourself, describe the classroom environment, tell the time, talk about daily routines, and describe your house and family.
- Developed integrated listening, speaking; reading, and writing skills in Turkish
- An active control of a range of basic Turkish vocabulary
- Become familiar with general aspects of Turkish society, culture, and family
- Built upon and improved your language learning strategies.
Textbook/materials:
Yeni Hitit 1 by TOMER, Ankara
Yabacilar Icin Turkce Dilbilgisi by Huseyin Duru. Printed by Ebruli Ajans, Istanbul, Turkiye; 2008
Additional materials will be websites, TV commercials, newspaper extracts, songs, movies, documentaries, authentic short stories, poems, anecdotes, food recipes, and worksheets.
**Each week we are going to cover 1 chapter from Yeni Hitit. Activities related to the subject's we covered will be done from the book Yabacilar Icin Turkce Dilbilgisi and extra materials I provide, such as reading, writing, speaking and/or listening activities. Depending on the students progress, we can go slower/faster.

Course Requirements:
Attendance is mandatory. If you have a specific situation (sickness with a doctor's certificate, family emergence, participation in a university sponsored activity such as sports, theater), please let me know in advance.
The students should act upon their language contract. You must attend the mini-courses, you can only have free passes for 2 of them if there is a health issue or religious observances.
Please note that no make-up exams or quizzes will be given, and no late assignments or papers will also be accepted unless the instructor has granted prior approval.
Absolutely no cell phones (or other communication devices) are to be used in the class as these are highly disruptive. This includes silently checking your message or sending text messages. If you are in an emergency situation you feel you must be in contact with someone, please speak to me ahead of class time.
Students in this course should be aware that it is considered an act of academic misconduct to use any kind of translation technology (i.e.: programs/websites that propose to translate entire phrases and sentences from one language to another) on assignments that must be written in Turkish. Any type of plagiarism, not providing/citing true sources in papers and cheating in the exams will lead to the loss of grades, which ultimately means failing in the course. You can always get help from me, so please do not attempt to cheat.
Assessment:
Exams 20%
Final 20%
Portfolio 20%  
Project 15%  
Midterm 15%  
In-class participation and mini-courses 10%

**Project:** You are expected to prepare a 5 min. presentation on a topic related to Turkey or Turkish culture of your choice. The presentations will be in the 8th week. Related handouts will be given to you later during the term. You will have at least a month to prepare your presentation.  
**Exams:** There will be an exam in every week.  
**Final:** It will be in the 7th week.  
**Portfolio:** Each student in the class will prepare a portfolio through out the term. The writing topics related to the subjects covered in the class will be given each week. You will prepare several drafts for each paper. You will also write journals. The portfolios will be handed in the last week of the course.  
**Midterm:** During the term there will be only one midterm. It will be in the 4th week and the exact date/time will be announced at least a week ago. It will cover all the units we covered in the first four weeks.  
**In-class Participation:** The 10% of your grade will be class participation. The purpose of this is to reward the students who are doing well in the class but somehow did badly in the class. But, this does not mean that you are all will get a high mark. Your participation and the attitude will determine the grade. The criteria will be: bringing materials, being an active participant, and not disturbing the class. Do NOT be afraid of making mistakes and sound funny. Learning a language is impossible without making mistakes. There will be two mini courses every week and the topics will cover Turkish food, traditional dances, music and art. Other topics will also be covered depending on the students' interests.  
**Subject to change statement:**  
The information contained in the course syllabus, other than the course requirements, may be subject to change with reasonable advance notice as seemed appropriate by the instructor.