COURSE OUTLINE

Armenian 116
Armenian for the Armenian Speaking II

Catalog Statement
Armenian 116 continues to emphasize reading comprehension, composition, oral communication, spelling rules, intensive vocabulary, and a more advanced study of the structure of the Armenian language. Students read and discuss literary works that are culturally significant in Armenian.

Total Lecture Units: 5.0
Total Laboratory Units: 0.0
Total Course Units: 5.0

Total Lecture Hours: 80.0
Total Laboratory Hours: 0.0
Total Laboratory Hours To Be Arranged: 0.0
Total Faculty Contact Hours: 80.0

Prerequisite: ARMEN 115 or equivalent

Note: This course may not be taken for credit by students who have completed ARMEN 101 or 102. Students with oral proficiency or who have attended schools where Armenian was the language of instruction should enroll in ARMEN 115, 116, or 117, depending on their level.

Course Entry Expectations

Prior to enrolling in the course, the student should be able to:

- communicate orally and in writing in standard/formal Armenian;
- develop greater awareness of heritage language, orthography, and culture;
- compare and contrast two variations of Armenian (Western and Eastern), as well as the various structures of the Armenian language;
- apply fundamental principles of the Armenian grammar and structure;
- develop writing and reading proficiency using the Armenian alphabet.

Course Exit Standards

Upon successful completion of the required coursework, the student will be able to:

- communicate effectively in Armenian using more advanced vocabulary;
- evaluate a given situation and select the grammatical construction and usage appropriate for it;
• analyze the role of historical and cultural factors in the development of Eastern and Western Armenian;
• demonstrate an increased awareness of cultural norms, values and events;
• reflect on and make cross-cultural comparisons regarding the Armenian language and culture;
• continue developing writing and reading proficiency using the Armenian alphabet.

**Course Content**

**Total Faculty Contact Hours = 80.0**

**Brief History of Armenian Language and Literature (10 hours)**
- Language families: Armenian as an Indo-European language
- Formation and evolution of Armenian
- Language and dialect: review and comparison of the sounds of the two variations (Western and Eastern)
- Relationship between Armenian and neighboring languages throughout the centuries
- The universal and the particular in cultural codes

**The Indicative Mood (5 hours)**
- Present imperfect
- Future in the past
- Future indicative
- Aorist indicative (simple past)
- Past imperfect
- Culture: Mesropian and pre-Mesropian writing

**Pronouns (5 hours)**
- Relative and interrogative pronouns
- Demonstrative pronouns
- Personal pronouns
- Definite and indefinite pronouns
- Negative and reciprocal pronouns
- Cultural codes and symbols: Ararat

**Numerals (5 hours)**
- Cardinal and ordinal
- Fractional and approximate numerals
- Distributive numerals
- Culture: values – knowledge and literature
- Culture: historical influences in the homeland and the Diaspora

**Verb Tenses (5 hours)**
- Perfect
- Pluperfect
- Kinship Terms
- Culture: values – family and kinship
- Culture: Armenians from Armenia - a general portrait

**Adjective (5 hours)**
- Comparison degrees
- Relative adjectives
- Qualitative adjectives
Culture: Armenians in Iran – a general portrait
Culture: Armenian contribution to the multicultural environment of Los Angeles

More Verbs (5 hours)
Aorist indicative of regular verbs
Perfect and pluperfect of irregular verbs
Imperative, subjunctive and mandatory moods
Culture: Armenians in Lebanon, Syria, and other Arab countries – a general view
Culture: Armenians in Turkey – an overview

Prepositions (5 hours)
Declension of spatial postpositions
Postpositions with articles
Prepositions and postpositions
Culture: Armenians in Europe – an overview
Culture: Armenian-Americans – a general portrait

Participles (5 hours)
Regular participles
Verb-forming participles
Culture: Armenia and the Diaspora – what unites and what separates
Culture: Armenian history – losses and gains

Adverbs (5 hours)
Time
Manner
Measure
Place
Culture: marriage and children
Culture: hospitality – celebrations, invitations, treatment of guests

Conjunctions (5 hours)
Coordinate conjunctions
Subordinate conjunctions
Culture: time and money
Culture: concept of friendship in business
Culture: friendship and love

Syntax (5 hours)
Subject and predicate
Group of subject
Group of predicate
Culture: Armenian phrases

Compound Sentences (5 hours)
Coordinate clause
Subordinate clause
Culture: art and creativity

Direct and Indirect Speech (5 hours)
Changing the direct speech into indirect
Changing indirect speech into direct
Culture: literary icons and poetry as a way of life

Review (5 hours)
Grammatical review
Culture: pleasure and entertainment
Culture: folk song and folk dance as a unifying vehicle

Methods of Instruction

The following methods of instruction may be used in this course:

- classroom lecture;
- classroom discussion;
- group learning;
- audio and video tapes;
- educational technologies including online methods of instruction and the internet.

Out of Class Assignments

The following out of class assignments may be used in this course:

- research and write a paper in Armenian on the given topic (e.g. conduct research on an Armenian community in Iran and write a paper);
- attend cultural events and write an essay in Armenian (e.g. visit an art exhibition);
- read Armenian papers and magazines and prepare a report in Armenian (e.g. read an article on current community issues in Asbarez daily newspaper and present to the class).

Methods of Evaluation

The following methods of evaluation may be used in this course:

- reading and dictation exercises;
- questions and answers in Armenian;
- regularly scheduled tests;
- written midterm examination;
- final examination, including a short essay.

Textbooks

Reading Materials - Armenian 116 Compilation reader prepared by the department.

Student Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the required coursework, the student will be able to:

- communicate orally by listening and responding and in writing in Armenian with a high degree of accuracy in more advanced grammatical structures and vocabulary;
- analyze written prose in Armenian, including literary works, for reading comprehension;
- organize and synthesize ideas and express them in a well-structured essay written in Armenian.