Course title: Hungarian as a Foreign Language

Credit number: 4

Type of lessons: seminar format

Number of lectures/seminars: 2 hours per week

Type of evaluation: ongoing, oral and written, ends with a grade

Place in curriculum: spring term

Course prerequisites: none

## **Course description:**

#### **Course content:**

The course aims to help visiting students to feel confident in getting around in Hungarian and to integrate easily. With major emphasis on everyday situations it also offers basic awareness to students in the structures of the Hungarian language, necessary for successful survival. Since students will mostly use the target language in various situations the course focuses on the vocabulary and phrases most frequently used in everyday communication. Though having a planned course content it also allows for flexibility as need arises.

### **Learning objectives:**

The course improves the four basic language skills (reading, listening, speaking, and writing), but as oral communication tends to be more important in a native-speaking environment, listening and speaking get a heavier emphasis. The three basic components of the communicative competence (linguistic, sociolinguistic and pragmatic) are all included.

By the end of the course students will have achieved a level in Hungarian where they are confident in making basic conversations and can get their message through.

## Required and optional reading

(The 3-5 most important required and optional pieces):

#### Required reading:

- 1. Szita, Szilvia, Pelcz, Katalin: <u>Magyarok 1. Magyar Nyelvkönyv + Nyelvtani</u> Munkafüzet A1-A2. 2013, Pécs: Pécsi Tudományegyetem
- 2. Marschalkó, Gabriella: *Hungarolingua.Basic Level 1*. 2011. Debrecen: Debreceni Nyári Egyetem
- 3. Budai, László: *A magyar mint idegen nyelv grammatikája*. 2015. Budapest: L'Harmattan
- 4. <u>Pelczn Katalin, Szita, Szilvia</u>: <u>1 szó mint 100</u>. Magyar-angol tematikus szókincstár / Hungarian Vocabulary by Topic. 2011. Budapest: <u>Akadémiai Kiadó</u>

#### **Optional reading:**

1. <u>Szita, Szilvia, Görben Tamás</u>: *Gyakorló magyar nyelvtan + szójegyzék / A Practical Hungarian Grammar + Glossary.* 2010. Budapest: <u>Akadémiai Kiadó</u>

2. Hegedűs, Rita: *PONS Grammar Practical and Easy Hungarian*. 2012. Budapest: Klett Kiadó

# Course syllabus: a tentative plan

Week 1 – Introduction to the course. Features of the Hungarian language. Getting introduced. The immediate environment. The verb "to be" ("lenni"). Adjectives.

Week 2 – Personal data. The alphabet and the principle of letter-sound referencing. Numbers. Expressing possession. Basic greetings and conversation turns.

Week 3 – Location. Getting around. Giving directions.

Week 4 – Shopping for food. Names of articles

Week 5 – Services (bank, post office)

Week 6 – Transport, travelling. Buying tickets.

Week 7 – Going out 1. Dining

Week 8 – Going out 2. Arranging to meet. Time.

Week 9 – Daily routine. Leisure time.

Week 10 – Studying at home and abroad.

Week 11 – Past events. The past tense. Culture.

Week 11 – Famous people / Famous Hungarians.

Week 12 – Travelling around Hungary.

Week 13 – A summary, revision.

Course instructor in charge: Erika Szirmai, language teacher

Additional course instructor(s): -