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TÜRKÇE / TÜRK DİLİ HAKKINDA	ABOUT TURKISH
<p>Türk dilleri dil ailesine ait Türkçe, sondan eklemeli olması ve ünlü uyumu gibi dil bilgisi özellikleri ile karakterize edilir. Dilin özellikleri lego setine çok benzer şekilde çalışır; ekler ekleyerek veya çıkararak yeni kelimeler yaratmaya veya anlam değişiklikleri yapmaya olanak tanır. Almanca, Arapça gibi dillerin aksine gramatik cinsiyetin (erillik, dişilik, cinsiyet ayrımı) bulunmadığı Türkçede, sözcüklerin bir kısmı Arapça, Farsça ve Fransızca gibi yabancı dillerden geçmedir.</p>	<p>Turkish, belonging to the Turkic language family, is characterized by grammatical features such as agglutinateness and vowel harmony. The features of the language work very similarly to a Lego set; it allows creating new words or making changes in meaning by adding or removing suffixes. Unlike languages such as German and Arabic, there is no grammatical gender (masculine, feminine, gender distinction) in Turkish, and some of the words are borrowed from foreign languages such as Arabic, Persian and French.</p>
<p>Türkçe ve akraba Türk dilleri, Türkiye, Balkanlar, Kafkasya ve Orta Asya'da yaklaşık 250 milyon kişi tarafından konuşulmaktadır.</p>	<p>Turkish and related Turkic languages are spoken by approximately 250 million people in Turkey, the Balkans, the Caucasus and Central Asia.</p>
<p>Türkçe öğrenmek, altı yüz yıllık Türk ve Osmanlı kültürünü yazılı mirasının anlaşılmasına ve Arap dünyasının ve Balkanların tarihini incelemek için olmazsa olmazdır.</p>	<p>Learning Turkish is essential for understanding the written heritage of six hundred years of Turkish and Ottoman culture and for studying the history of the Arab world and the Balkans.</p>

<p>DERSİN FELSEFESİ / BAĞLAMI</p> <p>Türkçe kursu, Türkçeyi yabancı dil olarak öğrenen ve/veya geliştirmek ve eğitim ve kariyer hedeflerine ulaşmak için gereken dil yeterliliğini elde etmek veya sadece kendi kişisel gelişimlerini sağlamak isteyen öğrencilere yöneliktir.</p> <p>Kurs öğrenci merkezlidir, gençler ve yetişkinler için uygundur ve küçük gruplar halinde öğretilir. Öğrenciler aktif olarak katılmaya ve öğrenmeleri için sorumluluk paylaşmaya ve dil öğrenmenin zorluklarına olumlu yanıt vermeye teşvik edilir. Kurs yüksek standartları yansıtır ve ayrıca bireysel öğrencilerin ihtiyaçlarını karşılamak için yeterince esneklik.</p>	<p>COURSE PHILOSOPHY</p> <p>Turkish course is aimed at learners of Turkish as a foreign language who would like to learn and/or improve their Turkish and achieve language proficiency needed to reach their educational and career goals, or simply for their own selfimprovement.</p> <p>The course is student-centered, suitable for teenagers and adults and is taught in small groups. Students are encouraged to be actively involved and share responsibility for their learning and respond positively to the challenges of language learning. The course reflects high standards and is also sufficiently flexible to meet the needs of individual learners.</p>
<p>DERSİN TANIMI TKF111* A1</p> <p>Bu kurs yeni başlayanlar içindir ve Kursun amacı Türkçe'de temel iletişim becerilerini (dinleme, okuma, konuşma ve yazma) geliştirmektir. Bir öğrenci, somut ihtiyaçlarını karşılamayı amaçlayan günlük ve temel ifadeleri rahatlıkla anlayabilir ve kullanabilir;</p> <p>Kendini ve başkalarını tanıtabilir ve nerede yaşadığı, tanıdığı kişiler ve sahip olduğu şeyler gibi kişisel ayrıntılar hakkında soru sorabilir ve cevaplayabilir;</p> <p>Dersin sonunda, diğer kişi yavaş ve net bir şekilde konuştuğu sürece, öğrenciler günlük aktiviteler, geçmiş deneyimler ve günlük durumlar hakkında Türkçe konuşanlarla temel düzeyde iletişim kurabilmelidir.</p> <p>Avrupa Referans Çerçevesi: A1'in Altında: A1'e doğru atılan temel adımlar. (Avrupa Konseyi, 2001, Tablo 1, s. 24)</p>	<p>COURSE DESCRIPTION TKF111* A1</p> <p>This course is for beginners and the aim of the course is to develop basic communication skills (listening, reading, speaking and writing) in Turkish. A student can easily understand and use everyday and basic expressions aimed at meeting concrete needs;</p> <p>Can introduce himself/herself and others and ask and answer questions about personal details such as where he/she lives, people he/she knows and things he/she owns;</p> <p>By the end of the course, students should be able to communicate at a basic level with Turkish speakers about daily activities, past experiences and everyday situations, as long as the other person speaks slowly and clearly.</p> <p>European Framework of Reference: Below A1: Basic steps towards A1. (Council of Europe, 2001, Table 1, p. 24)</p>

Class material:

- Available at **LIBRARY COPY CENTER**.

Requirements & Grading:

2 Tests	: 40% (2X 20 %)
Final Exam	: 30 %
Homework and assignments	: 20 %
Attendance& participation	: 10%

The letter grades of the course

90-100: AA	80-84: BB	70-74: CC	
85-89: BA	75-79: CB	60-69: DC	50-59: DD

Please note

- *You are required to attend at least 75% (3 of 4 class hours a week) of the classes throughout the semester in order to get a complete attendance & participation grade. Absences beyond 25% of the class hours will cause a grade penalty out of 10 % (attendance& participation) of the total grade. Those who fail to attend more than 50% of the class hours will receive an F automatically even if they take all the exams and get a passing grade from the exams and complete the assignments.*
- *In order to receive full credits from 'attendance & participation' component, you need to actively participate in pair/group-work, follow the teacher's instructions; your answers & questions have to be relevant to the topic and answers correct most of the time.*
- *You are expected to pay attention and not distract other students with disruptive activities. This includes newspaper reading, conversation unrelated to class, text-messaging, and the like.*
- *You are expected to be up-to-date with the material covered in the previous classes, and willing to respond to questions and participate in discussions.*
- *You are required to have a valid e-mail address on the registration page and also to check your e-mails regularly.*
- *You are required to come to the class on time.*
- *In case a class meeting is canceled for any reason, the students will be notified at least one hour in advance via e-mail.*

- *The instructor is required to answer e-mails within 48 hours. In case he/she fails to do so, please re-send your message.*
- *Homework/assignments will be announced in class every week and are expected to be submitted not later than the last class of the following week. Late homework/assignments will not be accepted. It is the student's responsibility to keep track of assignments and their due dates.*
- *Plagiarism and cheating will be dealt with through the university disciplinary system.*

Weekly calendar and important dates:

<https://summer.bogazici.edu.tr/?q=calendar-for-bu-students>

Week1:	24-26 June
Week2:	29 June-03 July
Week 3:	06 - 10 July
Week 4:	13- 17 July
Week 5:	20-24 July
Week 6:	27 July -31 July
Week 7:	03 Agust -07 Agust
Week 8:	10 Agust -14 Agust

The dates of the final exam will be announced by the class instructor The final exams for all the language courses are scheduled within these two days at the university this semester. Note that it is before the regular final period for all other courses. The exact final days of the Turkish courses and hour will be announced by the Registrar later.

Weekly calendar and important dates (The dates of the midterm exams are tentative)

- **TBA**

The contents

1.BÖLÜM: MERHABA

greeting, sounds and pronunciation, small talk, nationalities, languages, vowel and consonant harmony rules, basic vocabulary

2.BÖLÜM: NE KADAR?

shopping, numbers & prices, foods and drinks, var-yok,, locative –DA

3.BÖLÜM: ÖĞRENCİ MİSİNİZ?

asking& answering about the things/people around us, question words, non-verbal predicates, conjugation of nouns, adjectives, conjunctions

4.BÖLÜM: NE YAPIYORSUN?

talking about what is happening, what you are doing, actions that take place at the moment of speech, the use of the present tense form –ıyor, talking about daily routines and schedules using present tense, time expressions, days, months, weather, ll/slz endings

5. BÖLÜM: NEREDEN NEREYE GİDİYORSUN?

location, directions, destination and departure, use of dative and ablative cases (-(y)A and –DAn), Transport and use of instrumental case –(y)lA, giving directions, signs & warnings and imperative form

6. BÖLÜM: KALEMİN VAR MI?

talking about personal belongings using genitive- possessive structures, cloths, colors, talking about your family, the structure and use of possessive compounds

7. BÖLÜM: NE YAPTIN?

the use of past tense forms to talk about the events that happened in the past, comparing past and present, nonverbal predicates in the past tense

Level for TKF 111

Please translate sentences below into English?*

1. Öğrenci misin?
2. Kitap nerede?
3. Çay içmek istiyorum.
4. Nerelisin?
5. İstanbul'da çok araba var.

6. D n televizyon izledim.

7. Kalemim yok.

8. Cep telefonun nerede?

9. Nasılsın?

10. Geen hafta T rkiye'ye geldim.

*If you studied before,
I need to know your Turkish Level what you know and do not know

- Please introduce you