ERASMUS LANGUAGE COURSE

**(Beginners Intensive, 2x week)**

**The aim of the course** is to introduce students to the system of Czech language as a Slavic language, **expose them to (and make them practise) basic conversation phrases** as well as use compensation strategies in the case they do not understand, train pronunciation so that they can be understood and experience reading Czech words and phrases. This intensive course gives students the opportunity to spend more time practising common communication situations as well as understand the way Czech language works better.

**Intended for those who want to pay more attention to the language of this country + also useful for Slavic speakers.**

**Participation in the course:**

Lot of the classroom activities are done as a shared work, so it is expected that students are ready to cooperate with others and also learn through helping each other out. The vocabulary aims at the most practical and useful phrases, yet, in Czech some grammar must be acquired along the way. In effect it means that students have to go over some practice also outside of the class, to be ready for working in groups. Everything is done in a step-by-step way, so it is crucial that students follow and thus are able to complete all the tasks along the path.

**Teacher**

Mgr. **Eva dos Reis**

**Classes**

Masarykova dormitory, Thákurova 1 – B 305 (3rd floor), next to ISC

Monday: 11.00 – 12.30 and Wednesday 11.00 – 12.30

**By the end of the course, successful students will be able to handle the following in Czech:**

\*introduce themselves

\*shop for food in supermarket

\*order food in restaurant

\*get oriented in town and ask for way

\*give and receive numbers

\*speak about their past experience as well as their future plans

\*speak about their everyday activities, their likes and dislikes, their skills and their family

\*understand and produce correct basic forms of verbs, nouns, adjectives, pronouns, numerals, adverbs

**\***understand elementary cultural and historical context of the country

**Course Requirements**

Max. 5 absences, active class participation, completion of homework and projects

Write quizzes and 2 home „essays“, cooperate with others on a cultural portfolio

Interview in Czech (mid-semester), final presentation in Czech

Final session: teacher – student, 1 – 1, evaluation, portfolio, discussion

**Textbook:** Holá, Lída + Bořilová, Pavla. *Čeština Expres 1.* Praha: Akropolis

(different language versions!)

Graded credit (klasifikovaný zápočet) – 3 points

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| **Grade** | **Percentage** | **Czech-in words** | **English-in words** |
| A | 100% - 90% | výborně | excellent |
| B | 89% - 80% | velmi dobře | very good |
| C | 79% -70% | dobře | good |
| F | less than 69% | nedostatečně | failed |

The course is held on **A1 level** according to Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (Threshold level).