

TURK 404/504 (Advanced Turkish)
University of Arizona
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Tues/Thurs 8:00-9:15
Marshall 479
Dept of Near Eastern Studies

Syllabus

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Course Description

TURK 404-504 (3 credits). This class is a continuation of TURK 403-503. The class will continue to include review and expansion of complex structures introduced in the second year, viz. relative clauses, verbal noun clauses, and nominalization clauses. These are the structures that make Turkish syntax so alien to Indo-European languages, and to Semitic languages as well. Detailed explanations and analyses of these structures will be included in the course packet along with exercises, to be studied and completed as homework. Grammatical explanations will be supplemented with brief in-class discussions only when necessary. There will also be a strong emphasis on learning and using a wide range of vocabulary. Throughout the course, attention will be given to reading authentic texts. The readings represent a variety of styles, including journalistic, literary, and colloquial language. There will also be writing assignments that guide the student to emulate the readings in some respect, be it in the use of connectors, contrasting tenses, or narrative or expository style. Listening skills will be developed through regular assignments based on internet broadcasts, as well as recorded material on CD. The readings and listening activities will provide subject matter for free-form conversation in class, in addition to structured conversation activities designed to elicit and reinforce current grammar topics, idioms, and vocabulary. In this way, the class aims to help students acquire an advanced level of proficiency in all four skill areas: speaking, reading, listening, and writing.

Required Course Material:

Course packet

Course Policy

Class Attendance

Class attendance and participation are **REQUIRED** in this course and constitute 10% of your final grade. You are responsible for the material presented in class, be it handouts passed out in class or assigned homework. Students are permitted 3 unexcused absences without penalty during the semester. Every unexcused absence after 3 will result in the loss of a percentage point of the overall grade (deducted from the attendance and participation grade) up to ten percentage points. Missing 5 classes during the first half of the course without an acceptable excuse may result in disenrollment. However, if you must miss a regular class meeting, be sure to call one of your classmates as soon as possible to find out the assigned work for the following class day.

It is also important to come to class on time. Every three late arrivals (by more than 5 minutes) will be counted as one absence.

Grading

Your final grade will be based on the following:

Undergraduates:

Three written tests: 30%
Essays: 10%
Homework: 10%
Classwork and class participation: 10%
Quizzes: 10%
Weekly listening reports: 10%
Final Exam: 20%

Graduates:

Three written tests: 25%
Essays: 10%
Homework: 10%
Classwork and class participation: 10%
Quizzes: 10%
Weekly listening reports: 10%
Graduate Project: 10%
Final Exam: 15%

Essays and Papers

Short writing assignments (one page handwritten or the equivalent typed) will be given on a regular basis, as in TURK 403/503. In addition, four times during the semester, a typed revision/expansion of one of these short essays will be assigned (one page typed, double-spaced).

Graduate Project

The graduate project, to be completed by students enrolled in the graduate section, consists of readings that relate to the student's research interests. Graduate students will be required to meet with the instructor outside of class to discuss the readings, to write a short paper on the topic, and give an in-class presentation based on the readings and the paper at the end of the semester.

To ensure success in this course, it is very important to do your homework regularly and turn it in on time. I will not accept late homework without a good excuse: you will get feedback on your late homework but you will not get credit for it. There will be NO MAKE-UP EXAMS. If there is a serious problem that prevents you from taking your exam on the designated date, please discuss it with me ASAP so we can work something out. A written statement may be required to allow you to take your exam at a later date. Likewise, an incomplete will be granted only under extreme circumstances and then only if 80% of the course work has been completed. Unless you make special arrangements to receive an incomplete, no incomplete will be given.

The University of Arizona seeks to provide equal access to its programs, service and activities for people with disabilities. If you will need reasonable accommodations in this

class, prior notice needs to be given to the instructor and the Disability Resource Center (621-3268) to make arrangements for accommodations. All written information for this course can be made available in alternative format with prior notification.

It is each student's responsibility to consult the 2007-2008 Class Schedule for deadlines regarding adds, drops, withdrawals, etc.

Week /Grammar Topics (verbal derivational suffixes in **bold**)

- 1 Nominalizations
 - 2 Verbal nouns; nominalizations vs. verbal nouns
 - 3 Subject relative clauses; simple conditional/optative
 - 4 Possessive subject relative clauses
 - 5 Headless relatives; aorist uses
 - 6 Non-subject relative clauses
 - 7 Possessive non-subject relative clauses; inferential
 - 8 Headless relatives of all types
 - 9 Review--midterm
 - 10 Relative clauses: subject vs. non-subject participle
 - 11 Verbal auxiliaries and compound tenses: past aorist, past continuous, past-in-the-future
 - 12 aorist inferential, continuous inferential, future inferential
 - 13 Conditional auxiliary: aorist conditional, continuous, past, and future conditional
 - 14 Conditional plus past auxiliary (contrary-to-fact)
 - 15 Review
 - 16 Review
- Final Exam