

Syllabus
Tatar, SLC 194, 8 credits

Исәһмесеҙ! Hello!

About the instructor

My name is *Aygul Fatykhova* and I'm going to be your Tatar language instructor this summer. I graduated from Kazan State University, from the Department of Tatar language and History. Currently I'm working as a Tatar language instructor at the Tatar State University of Humanities and Education and seeking a Masters degree at KSU. During the 2006-2007 academic year I was a Tatar language teaching assistant as a Fulbright grantee and taught the Tatar Intermediate level course at the 2007-2008 CLI.

Teaching philosophy

My approach for teaching a foreign language is pretty simple. I say "no" to boring, monotonic, drilling-based classes. I say "yes" to creativity, challenge, diversity and variety of means and approaches. I try to come up with various exercises, communicative games, presentations, group and individual projects and gaming. I expect you to respond to this at the classes. Be ready to act, play, discuss and sing.

Goals

There will be an emphasis on communication, developing four main skills: listening, speaking, reading and writing in Tatar (you are expected to gain level 1-1+ according to the Interagency Language Roundtable (see the ILR home page at <http://www.govtilr.org>)). Also a considerable part of our classes will be devoted to introducing the various aspects of the Tatar culture.

Meeting times

We will meet *Monday through Friday at 8:30 - 12:30 starting on June, 8 and finishing on July, .* Also you are expected to participate in the CLI events which will take place after the classes (<http://www.google.com/calendar/embed?src=j21fk13g60216j1c1omd18gsn4%40group.calendar.google.com&mode=MONTH&dates=20080601%2F20080630>). I will hold office hours on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday after classes at 2-3 pm and, of course, you are welcome to schedule individual meetings with me. You also can contact me via e-mail fatykha@gmail.com or Facebook.

Textbooks

Together with the last summer's Elementary Tatar instructor Ildar Ayupov, I am working on writing a Tatar language textbook for English speakers. We are planning to finish its first draft by the time the CLI summer course starts so that we'll be able to use it during this summer. You can find the starter and first chapters at www.tatarbook.com. Later in spring we will send this textbook to CLI in electronic format, you will be able to find out where to get a copy e-mailing or calling the CLI office.

Other than that you will need the following books:

Tatar-English/English-Tatar Dictionary. Sergey Shakhmayev 1994

I also recommend you to find the Dictionary of Turkic Languages by Kurtulus Oztopcu as we will overview the basics of different Turkic languages.

Activities

This is an intensive course so that you will need to put in effort and study outside the classroom. I will assign daily homework which will be graded. I also encourage you to create working groups (pairs) for doing projects, preparing for the tests and participating in daily classroom conversations.

Assessment

The classroom assessment will consist of quizzes, tests, midterm and final exam. Tests will be held each Friday. Quizzes (vocabulary, grammar) may be given if necessary with prior notification. Midterm exam will be at the end of June and Final exam at the end of July. Both Midterm and Final exams will contain an oral competency component.

Attendance

As it is an intensive course, attendance is essential. Don't be late and miss classes.

Grading system

Your final grade will be figured by the following:

Attendance and classroom participation	20%
Homework	15%
Quizzes and tests	20%
Presentations and projects	10%
Midterm exam	15%
Final exam	20%

A 90-100%
B 80-90%
C 70-80%
D 60-70%

Some facts about the Tatar language and people

The Tatar language:

- is the official language of the Republic of Tatarstan, a subject of the Russian Federation;
- is a Turkic language along with such languages as Kazakh, Kyrgyz, Turkish, Uzbek, Turkmen etc.;
- is an agglutinative language which means that most meanings are made by various suffixes. See: дус - a friend, дуслыкларынан - from their friendship;
- doesn't have a grammatical category of gender;
- uses the Cyrillic alphabet, before that exploited Latin script (1927-1939) and Arabic script (X-XX centuries);
- is spoken by more than 5 million Tatars in the Russian Federation and Tatar diasporas in former Soviet Union countries, Romania, Poland, Finland, Turkey, Australia, USA;
- has a long history of written literature and folklore.

The Tatar people:

- are the largest minority of Russian Federation;
- mostly live on the historical territory of the Volga and the Urals;
- have a long history of statehood (Volga Bulgaria, The Kazan Khanate);

Weekly plan

# Weeks	Topics	Grammar	Tests/exams	Co-curricular cultural activities
Week 1 June 8-12	Alphabet, phonetics Meeting new people, classroom interaction	Interrogative particle Possessiveness Ablative case Plural suffix Postposition (турында)	June, 12 - test	Introducing to the Tatar etiquette (greeting, speaking manners etc.)

Week 2 June 15-19	Family, Personality, Professions Daily activities Hobbies Free time	Locative case Dative case Genitive case Modal words Imperatives Present Tense Numbers	June, 19 - test	Discussion “Stereotypes” Cooking a national Tatar dish “chekchek”
Week 3 June 22-26	Transport Travelling City Sightseeing	Noun-noun phrases (izafe) Conditional (real) Postpositions (белән, кадәр, таба) Ordinal numbers	June, 26 - test	Organizing a Tatar festival Sabantuy
Week 4 June 29- July 2	Shopping Food Clothes Colors	Present participle Compound verb forms (with “алу”, “белү”, “килү”, “башлау”)	July 1 - midterm exam (oral part) June, 2 midterm exam (written part)	Cooking “Ochpochmak”
Week 5 July 6-10	Apartment Furniture Holidays	Auxiliary (spatial) nouns Past Definite Past Indefinite	July, 10 - test	Watching a documentary film about Kazan
Week 6 July 13-17	Appearance Hospital Emotions and feelings Culture (music, art)	Future Definite Future Indefinite Temporal verb forms (-ганда, - гач, - ганчы) Postposition (кебек)	July, 17 - test	Listening and learning Tatar folk and modern songs Watching a documentary of the Tatar State Songs and Dance Ensemble
Week 7 July 20-24	Culture (literature, theatre, movies) Geography Flora and fauna History	Past participle Past Repeated Past Unfinished Past Perfect	July, 24 - test	Movie night “Dilemma” by R.Tukhvatullin Reading “The Volga Tatars” by A. Rorlich
Week 8 July 27-31	Politics Religion The Turkic World	Gerund (-ын) Compound verb forms Postpositional particles (гына, үк)	July, 29 - Final project July, 30 - Final exam	Lecture “Language Policy in the Republic of Tatarstan” Watching a movie “Zuleikha” by R.Tukhvatullin