

## COURSE OUTLINE

### **Armenian 116 Armenian for the Armenian Speaking II**

#### **Catalog Statement**

Armenian 116 continues to emphasize reading comprehension, composition, oral communication, spelling rules, intensive vocabulary, and a more advanced study of the structure of the Armenian language. Students read and discuss literary works that are culturally significant in Armenian.

Total Lecture Units: 5.0

Total Laboratory Units: 0.0

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Total Lecture Hours: 80.0

Total Laboratory Hours: 0.0

Total Laboratory Hours To Be Arranged: 0.0

**Total Faculty Contact Hours: 80.0**

Prerequisite: ARMEN 115 or equivalent

Note: This course may not be taken for credit by students who have completed ARMEN 101 or 102. Students with oral proficiency or who have attended schools where Armenian was the language of instruction should enroll in ARMEN 115, 116, or 117, depending on their level.

#### **Course Entry Expectations**

Prior to enrolling in the course, the student should be able to:

- communicate orally and in writing in standard/formal Armenian;
- develop greater awareness of heritage language, orthography, and culture;
- compare and contrast two variations of Armenian (Western and Eastern), as well as the various structures of the Armenian language;
- apply fundamental principles of the Armenian grammar and structure;
- develop writing and reading proficiency using the Armenian alphabet.

#### **Course Exit Standards**

Upon successful completion of the required coursework, the student will be able to:

- communicate effectively in Armenian using more advanced vocabulary;
- evaluate a given situation and select the grammatical construction and usage appropriate for it;

- analyze the role of historical and cultural factors in the development of Eastern and Western Armenian;
- demonstrate an increased awareness of cultural norms, values and events;
- reflect on and make cross-cultural comparisons regarding the Armenian language and culture;
- continue developing writing and reading proficiency using the Armenian alphabet.

**Course Content**

**Total Faculty Contact Hours = 80.0**

**Brief History of Armenian Language and Literature (10 hours)**

Language families: Armenian as an Indo-European language

Formation and evolution of Armenian

Language and dialect: review and comparison of the sounds of the two variations (Western and Eastern)

Relationship between Armenian and neighboring languages throughout the centuries

The universal and the particular in cultural codes

**The Indicative Mood (5 hours)**

Present imperfect

Future in the past

Future indicative

Aorist indicative (simple past)

Past imperfect

Culture: Mesropian and pre-Mesropian writing

**Pronouns (5 hours)**

Relative and interrogative pronouns

Demonstrative pronouns

Personal pronouns

Definite and indefinite pronouns

Negative and reciprocal pronouns

Cultural codes and symbols: Ararat

**Numerals (5 hours)**

Cardinal and ordinal

Fractional and approximate numerals

Distributive numerals

Culture: values – knowledge and literature

Culture: historical influences in the homeland and the Diaspora

**Verb Tenses (5 hours)**

Perfect

Pluperfect

Kinship Terms

Culture: values – family and kinship

Culture: Armenians from Armenia - a general portrait

**Adjective (5 hours)**

Comparison degrees

Relative adjectives

Qualitative adjectives

Culture: Armenians in Iran – a general portrait

Culture: Armenian contribution to the multicultural environment of Los Angeles

**More Verbs (5 hours)**

Aorist indicative of regular verbs

Perfect and pluperfect of irregular verbs

Imperative, subjunctive and mandatory moods

Culture: Armenians in Lebanon, Syria, and other Arab countries – a general view

Culture: Armenians in Turkey – an overview

**Prepositions (5 hours)**

Declension of spatial postpositions

Postpositions with articles

Prepositions and postpositions

Culture: Armenians in Europe – an overview

Culture: Armenian-Americans – a general portrait

**Participles (5 hours)**

Regular participles

Verb-forming participles

Culture: Armenia and the Diaspora – what unites and what separates

Culture: Armenian history – losses and gains

**Adverbs (5 hours)**

Time

Manner

Measure

Place

Culture: marriage and children

Culture: hospitality – celebrations, invitations, treatment of guests

**Conjunctions (5 hours)**

Coordinate conjunctions

Subordinate conjunctions

Culture: time and money

Culture: concept of friendship in business

Culture: friendship and love

**Syntax (5 hours)**

Subject and predicate

Group of subject

Group of predicate

Culture: Armenian phrases

**Compound Sentences (5 hours)**

Coordinate clause

Subordinate clause

Culture: art and creativity

**Direct and Indirect Speech (5 hours)**

Changing the direct speech into indirect

Changing indirect speech into direct

Culture: literary icons and poetry as a way of life

**Review (5 hours)**

Grammatical review  
Culture: pleasure and entertainment  
Culture: folk song and folk dance as a unifying vehicle

### **Methods of Instruction**

The following methods of instruction may be used in this course:

- classroom lecture;
- classroom discussion;
- group learning;
- audio and video tapes;
- educational technologies including online methods of instruction and the internet.

### **Out of Class Assignments**

The following out of class assignments may be used in this course:

- research and write a paper in Armenian on the given topic (e.g. conduct research on an Armenian community in Iran and write a paper);
- attend cultural events and write an essay in Armenian (e.g. visit an art exhibition);
- read Armenian papers and magazines and prepare a report in Armenian (e.g. read an article on current community issues in Asbarez daily newspaper and present to the class).

### **Methods of Evaluation**

The following methods of evaluation may be used in this course:

- reading and dictation exercises;
- questions and answers in Armenian;
- regularly scheduled tests;
- written midterm examination;
- final examination, including a short essay.

### **Textbooks**

*Reading Materials - Armenian 116* Compilation reader prepared by the department.

### **Student Learning Outcomes**

Upon successful completion of the required coursework, the student will be able to:

- communicate orally by listening and responding and in writing in Armenian with a high degree of accuracy in more advanced grammatical structures and vocabulary;
- analyze written prose in Armenian, including literary works, for reading comprehension;
- organize and synthesize ideas and express them in a well-structured essay written in Armenian.