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INTERMEDIATE IRISH I SYLLABUS

Instructor:

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Office Hours:

Tuesday and Thursday, 12:45 – 2:15

Grading:

1. Class exams and written assignments – 30%
2. Class presentations: 50%
3. Final examination: oral – 10%; written – 10%

Objectives:

The primary objective of this course is to expand the students' knowledge of the verbs and grammar and to promote greater fluency in the language. All materials for this course will be available on Moodle.

As class only meets twice week, the course will be divided in the following manner. On Tuesday students will work on conjugating verbs in the past, present, and future tenses and in the conditional mood. They will also work on vocabulary and idioms in preparation for the Thursday class. Class on Thursday will focus on textual reading and discussion. Each text will address a specific subject which students will synopsise and hand up for correction. These synopses will account for 15% of the final grade. Students will also deliver this synopsis orally and will be graded on their pronunciation, grammatical correctness, idiomatic richness and fluency. These oral presentations will account for 50% of the total mark as they are the only real means of determining the degree of fluency achieved by students.

The grammatical focus will be on the verbs. Students will work on the Past Tense, Present Tense, Future Tense and Conditional Mood. Again, the emphasis will be on attaining oral mastery of the verbs.

It is of critical importance that students meet between classes to speak Irish. Extra-curricular social events will be organized by the Fulbright Assistants and the two law and language interns from Ireland for this purpose.

Texts: Students should purchase English-Irish and Irish-English dictionaries. The recommended texts are: Niall Ó Dónaill. *Gearr-fhoclóir Gaeilge Béarla*. Dublin, 1981; and, Tomás de Bhaldraithe. *English-Irish Dictionary*. Dublin, 1959.

Attendance:

An attendance roll will be kept and all students, without exception, are expected to attend all classes on time. Late arrivals will not be tolerated; if you are late without a valid reason, you may not join the class. Do not miss class. If you accrue more than four absences without valid reason, you will drop a grade. Missing four classes in succession will be taken to mean that you have dropped the class.

LESSON PLAN WEEKS 1-5

Week 1

1. Verbs: Using Verbal noun to form Infinitive and Present Participle
2. Rannta: Briathra san Aimsir Chaite
3. Vocabulary – Short Verbs

Week 2

1. Verbs: Using Verbal Noun to form Present Subjunctive and verbal adjective to form past, present and future perfect tenses
2. Regular and Irregular Verbs in the Past Tense I
3. Vocabulary – Long Verbs
4. Scéal

Week 3

1. Scrúdú – verbs
2. Regular and Irregular verbs in the past tense II
3. Réamhfocail
4. Scéal, Foclóir agus Comhrá

Week 4

1. Short and Long Verbs in the Past Tense – Passive Voice
2. Réamhfocail
3. Scéal, Foclóir agus Comhrá

Week 5

1. Short Verbs in the Present Tense
2. Réamhfocail
3. Scéal, Foclóir agus Comhrá

LESSON PLAN WEEKS 6-10.

Week 6

1. Long Verbs in the Present Tense
2. Réamhfhocail
3. Scéal, Foclóir agus Comhrá

Week 7

1. Present Tense Verbs – Passive Voice
2. Réamhfhocail
3. Scéal, Foclóir agus Comhrá

Week 8

1. Irregular and Short Verbs in the Future Tense
2. Réamhfhocail
3. Scéal, Foclóir agus Comhrá

Week 9

1. Long Verbs in the Future Tense
2. Réamhfhocail
3. Scéal, Foclóir agus Comhrá

Week 10

1. Verbs in the Future Tense – Passive Voice
2. Réamhfhocail
3. Scéal, Foclóir agus Comhrá

LESSON PLAN WEEKS 11-15.

Week 11

1. Verbs – The Conditional Mood
2. Réamhfocail
3. Scéal, Foclóir agus Comhrá

Week 12

1. Verbs – The conditional Mood
2. Réamhfocail
3. Scéal, Foclóir agus Comhrá

Week 13

1. Conditional Mood – Passive Voice
2. Rangabhálacha agus an aidiacht bhriathra
3. Scéal, Foclóir agus Comhrá

Week 14

1. Review of Verbs
2. Rangabhálacha agus an aidiacht bhriathra

Week 15

1. Class Presentations..

