Course Description:

During this one semester course students will become familiar with the basics of Czech grammar including the following:

- the system of Czech sounds, pronunciation and spelling,
- grammatical gender
- the difference between adjectives and adverbs
- declination of nouns, adjectives, pronouns and numerals, especially accusative singular and plural, genitive singular, locative singular

(this will enable students to make short sentences in Czech using direct objects, to answer the questions where? where to? using prepositions with the correct cases and endings.)

- the conjugation of basic verbs, in past, present and future tenses.

Using these grammatical skills, students will be able to communicate on a basic level in Czech while living in Prague. They will learn how to ask for directions, order in restaurants, ask for items in stores, post offices, introduce themselves, make appointments and invitations, state their opinions.

Grading policy:

25% attendance

25% participation in class, homework

25% mid-term exam

25% final exam

Attendance policy:

Students are allowed no more than 3 absences unless excused by a doctor.

Course requirements:

Students are expected to attend and participate in class regularly (see attendance policy), take a mid-term
and final exam.

**Recommended Literature:**

Anglicko-Cesky, Cesko Anglicky Slovnik (Czech English Dictionary)

Colloquial Czech James Naughton

Communicative Czech (Elementary Czech) Ivana Bednarova, Magdalena Pintarova

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