

"S.F.θωΡησJωFωJ BΘ, GSFωEJ FΓPησJΔ."

Spring 2014 Monday and Wednesday 4:15-5:30

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I. Rational/Purpose

The Cherokee language is dying. This course is one of many efforts to revitalize, maintain, and promote the Cherokee language.

Cherokee Speaking World is designed to introduce you to the Cherokee language and culture. In this course you will develop Cherokee speaking and listening skills.

II. Course Aims and Objectives:

Beginning conversation skills in Cherokee language; beginning writing and reading skills in Cherokee language; appreciation for the Cherokee language and culture.

By the end of the course, students will
Introduce themselves and others; identify and describe objects and people; discuss on-going, daily, future, and past activities; follow simple directions; comprehend and repeat simple narratives; discuss self and others.

III. Course Materials

Feeling, Durbin. *The Cherokee-English Dictionary*. Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma.

Class wiki: <https://media.wcu.edu/groups/cherokeelanguage>

Many course materials will be handed out in class or downloaded. The course materials include books, cards, handouts, sound files, and video.

IV. Faculty Expectations of Students/Course Policies

- Accommodations for Students with Disabilities: Western Carolina University is committed to providing equal educational opportunities for students with documented disabilities and/or medical conditions. Students who require reasonable accommodations must identify themselves as having a disability and/or medical condition and provide current diagnostic documentation to Disability Services. All information is confidential. Please contact the Office of Disability Services for more information at (828) 227-3886 or lalexis@wcu.edu. You may also visit the office's website: disability.wcu.edu
- Academic Honesty Policy: Always be honest. No cheating or plagiarism.
- Attendance Policy: One absence tolerated, second and third absence minus 1 attendance/participation point each. More than three, see instructor to continue in class.

Because this is a language class, attendance is required. Language is learned through use and we have very little time together to use the language.

V. Grading Procedures:

Attendance and participation	15%	A+	98-100	C+	77-79
Quiz (10 quizzes, 3% each quiz)	30%	A	93-97	C	73-76
Homework assignments (10 assignments, 3% each task)	30%	A-	90-92	C-	70-72
5 th Week exam	5%	B+	87-89	D+	67-69
Midterm exam	10%	B	83-86	D	63-66
Final exam	10%	B-	80-82	D-	60-62

VI. Course Syllabus

Week	Date	
1	1/8-13	UNCCCH Start
	1/15	Syllabus; Personal introductions; Course overview; Review of Basic Cherokee; Quiz 01: Basic Cherokee assigned Hmwk 01: Meeting and Greeting Dialog assigned * Quiz and Hmwk assigned on Wednesday, due by next Wednesday.
2	1/20	No Class - Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
	1/22	Meeting and Greeting Dialog Presentations Quiz 02: Activities; Hmwk 02: Tsi-/G- Set Pronouns
3	1/27	Present and Habitual Activities Activities review present tense bingo and charades
	1/29	Entities vocabulary review; Desire for Entities Quiz 03: Entities Vocabulary; Hmwk 03: Agi-/Agw- Set Pronouns
4	2/3	Immediate Activities Commands and Immediate Past
	2/5	Imperfective Past Activities Activities review; introduction of -v'i and -e'i Past markers on Imperfective Quiz 04: Tsi-/G- Pronouns and Stems; Hmwk 04: Family in Action
5	2/10	Present, Imperfective, Immediate Stem Forms and Pronouns
	2/12	5 th Week Exam
6	2/17	Types of Nouns; Possession of Clothes; Possession of Body Parts Imperfective Agent Nouns
	2/19	Describing; Agi-/Agw- adjectives and verbs Quiz 05: Agi-/Agw- Pronouns; Hmwk 05: People and Things
7	2/24	Desire for activity
	2/26	Infinitive Instrument Nouns

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| 8 | 3/3
3/5 | Review for Midterm online
Midterm Exam Due
Quiz 06: Perfective vs. Imperfective Past; Hmwk 06: Narrative |
| 9 | 3/10-12 | Spring Break |
| 10 | 3/17
3/19 | Talking about the past
Perfective Past forms and Agi-/Agw- Pronouns
Quiz 07: Tsi-/G- and Agi-/Agw- Pronouns; Hmwk 07: Pronouns |
| 11 | 3/24
3/26 | Perfective Past and Imperfective Past contrasts
'W' Withdraw drop date for WCU
Quiz 08: Vocabulary; Hmwk 08: Picture Dictionary |
| 12 | 3/31
4/2 | Building Vocabulary
Quiz 09: Stem Forms; Hmwk 09: Pronouns |
| 13 | 4/7
4/9 | Quiz 10: Vocabulary; Hmwk 10: Picture Dictionary |
| 14 | 4/14
4/16 | Review of Stem Forms
Present, Imperfective, Immediate, Perfective, Infinitive
WCU Holiday |
| 15 | 4/21
4/23 | Final Review
Building Vocabulary
UNCCH Last Day |
| 16 | 4/28
4/30 | Imperfective Absolute Future and Prefective Da- Future
WCU Last class session. Final Review
Talking about what is next |

FINAL! WCU Online Final Exam due Monday, 4/30