

Cherokee 132: Cherokee Speaking World

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Spring 2015 M W F 2:30-3:20

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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

Posts at <http://cherokeelanguage.wcu.edu/cher132/>

Keep up with <https://www.facebook.com/WCUCherokeeLanguage>

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

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

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.

- 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	1/12	Syllabus; Personal introductions; Course overview;
	1/14	Review of Basic Cherokee;
		Quiz 01: Basic Cherokee; Hmwk 01: Meeting and Greeting Dialogue
	1/16	Review of Basic Cherokee
2	1/19	No Class - Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
	1/21	Review of Basic Cherokee
		Quiz 02: Activities; Hmwk 02: Tsi-/G- Set Pronouns
	1/23	Meeting and Greeting Dialog Presentations
3	1/26	Present and Habitual Activities
	1/28	Entities vocabulary; Desire for Entities
		Quiz 03: Entities Vocabulary; Hmwk 03: Agi-/Agw- Set Pronouns
4	2/2	Commands and Immediate Past
	2/4	Commands, Activities, Immediate Past
		Quiz 04: Tsi-/G- Pronouns and Stems; Hmwk 04: Family in Action
	2/6	Imperfective Past Activities
		Present, Imperfective, Immediate Stem Forms and Pronouns
5	2/9	5 th Week Exam
	2/11	Types of Nouns
	2/13	Nouns: Clothes and Body Parts
6	2/16	Describing; Agi-/Agw- adjectives and verbs
	2/18	Quiz 05: Agi-/Agw- Pronouns; Hmwk 05: People and Things
	2/20	Perfective Stem: Completed Past
7	2/23	Perfective Stem: Completed Past
		Quiz 06: Perfective vs. Imperfective Past; Hmwk 06: Narrative
	2/25	Perfective Stem: Derivation of new stem sets
	2/27	Infinitive Stem: Desire for activity Review for Midterm: Five Stem Structure of Cherokee Language
8	3/2	Review for Midterm: Five Stem Structure of Cherokee Language

	3/4	Review for Midterm: Five Stem Structure of Cherokee Language
	3/6	Midterm Exam
9	3/9-13	Spring Break
10	3/16	'W' Withdraw drop date Talking about the past
	3/18	Quiz 07: Tsi-/G- and Agi-/Agw- Pronouns; Hmwk 07: Pronouns
	3/20	Perfective Past and Imperfective Past contrasts
11	3/23	Perfective Past and Imperfective Past contrasts
	3/25	Quiz 08: Stem Forms; Hmwk 08: Picture Dictionary
	3/27	Imperfective Absolute Future and Prefective Da- Future
12	3/30	Texts for Building Vocabulary
	4/1-3	Holiday
13	4/6	Texts for Building Vocabulary
	4/8	Quiz 09: Text Vocabulary/Structures; Hmwk 09: Little Book
	4/10	Texts
14	4/13	Texts
	4/15	Quiz 10: Vocabulary/Structures; Hmwk 10: Little Book
	4/17	Texts
15	4/20	Texts
	4/22	Texts
16	4/27	Final Review
	4/29	Final Review
	5/1	Last Class

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Class Motto for SP2015

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