

Degree Applicable  
Course ID 003107

Glendale Community College  
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## COURSE OUTLINE

### **Armenian 101 Beginning Armenian I**

#### **Catalog Statement**

Armenian 101 covers the Armenian alphabet, its letters and their sounds, and the fundamentals of Armenian grammar. Students are taught to pronounce correctly, to acquire a practical vocabulary, and to understand, read, write, and speak simple Armenian. Basic knowledge of the Armenian Culture is presented.

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**

Recommended Preparation: Eligibility for ENGL 120 or ESL 151

Note: This course may not be taken for credit by students who have completed ARMEN 115, 116 or 117. Students with oral proficiency or who have attended schools where Armenian was the language of instruction should enroll in ARMEN115.

#### **Course Entry Expectations**

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

- analyze short essays (at least five paragraphs in length) to identify thesis, topic development and concluding sentences, as well as traditional expressions used to increase coherence;
- evaluate compositions for unity, sufficiency of development, and coherence, as well as variety of sentence structure which:
  - addresses the topic and is directed by a thesis statement;
  - has an introduction, body, and conclusion and demonstrates a basic understanding of composition organization;
  - shows some awareness of critical thinking and linkage of evidence with assertion;
  - develops ideas, moving from general to specific;
  - is easy to read and follow, though some errors in grammar, mechanics, spelling, or diction may exist;
- organize and write a thesis-driven, organized essay which is at least three paragraphs in length (paragraphs should have a topic sentence and at least five additional sentences which further develop that topic sentence with explanations or examples. These sentences must be in logical order and be connected by

transitional expressions, where appropriate. Paragraphs must be tied together by appropriate transitions or other devices which provide cohesion.);

- use in their essays a variety of sentence types with minimal errors in such basics of the sentence as subject-verb agreement, subordination, and complementation.

### **Course Exit Standards**

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

- demonstrate a practical vocabulary in Armenian;
- pronounce the Armenian alphabet correctly;
- read, write, and speak simple Armenian;
- comprehend oral and written Armenian at a beginning level;
- compare and contrast the Armenian culture with his/her own culture;
- analyze the role of historical and cultural factors in the development of Eastern and Western Armenian;
- develop writing and reading proficiency using the Armenian alphabet.

### **Course Content**

**Total Faculty Contact Hours = 80.0**

#### **Introduction (4 hours)**

Brief history of culture and language  
The development of Western and Eastern Armenian  
Introduction to the alphabet

#### **The Armenian Alphabet (4 hours)**

Order, shape, and sound  
The vowels and consonants  
Compound letters (diphthongs)  
Letters with more than one sound  
Simple and compound vowels

#### **Articles (4 hours)**

The definite article  
The indefinite article  
The possessive articles *u, η, ū/p*

#### **Personal Pronouns (4 hours)**

Armenian equivalents of the English *you*  
Greetings in Armenian culture  
Gender in Armenian

#### **The Verb *niŭkəl*, Indicative Present, Affirmative and Negative Forms (4 hours)**

Family and relatives  
Introducing family and friends

#### **The Verbs *huyəl, qhunkəl*, Indicative Present, Affirmative and Negative Forms (4 hours)**

#### **The Plural Formation of Nouns (4 hours)**

#### **The Verb *lħŭkəl*, Indicative Present, Affirmative and Negative Forms (4 hours)**

**Demonstrative Pronouns (4 hours)**

**Formation of the Negative Forms of Verbs (8 hours)**

Regular verbs

Irregular verbs

**The Verb *կարողանալ*, Indicative present, Affirmative and Negative Forms (4 hours)**

**Word Order in Armenian Sentences (8 hours)**

Indicative mood

Imperative mood

Interrogative sentences

Some Armenian expressions of politeness

**Nouns (8 hours)**

The declension paradigm

The nominative case

The locative case

Requesting and receiving personal information

**Numerals (4 hours)**

Cardinal numerals

Ordinal numerals

Asking about and telling the time

Time expressions

**The Verb *ցնլց նալ* (4 hours)**

Asking directions

Telephone conversation

**Future Conditional or *կ*- future (4 hours)**

Shopping

Asking for opinion and expressing one

**Nouns (4 hours)**

Genitive case

Inner declension

Outer declension

Vowel alteration and mutation

**Methods of Instruction**

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

- classroom lecture and discussion;
- group learning;
- audio and video tapes, language lab, educational technologies;
- cultural outings to Armenian restaurants and live performances of Armenian events (plays, concerts, art exhibits, etc.).

### **Out of Class Assignments**

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

- attend a community event and make a presentation (e.g. attend an Armenian art exhibition and present a summary of the information);
- prepare a group presentation (e.g. write and perform a skit in which you go shopping in Yerevan);
- compositions (e.g. write about your family, your favorite recreational activities, etc.).

### **Methods of Evaluation**

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

- oral drills, questions and answers in Armenian, reading and dictation, to evaluate pronunciation of the Armenian language;
- quizzes;
- regularly scheduled tests;
- a midterm examination;
- a final examination including a short essay.

### **Textbooks**

Sakayan, Dora. *Eastern Armenian for the English-Speaking World*.  
Yerevan: Yerevan State UP, 2007. Print. \*

12<sup>th</sup> Grade Textbook Reading Level ISBN: 978-5-8084-08 90-6

\* This is the latest edition of the preferred textbook.

### **Student Learning Outcomes**

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- use grammatically correct Armenian to communicate orally and write about simple topics;
- compare and contrast the Armenian language and culture with his/her own culture.