

Urdu 101: Elementary Urdu I
Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures

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Course Description

Introduction

Urdu, belonging to the Indo-European family of languages, is the official language of Pakistan and one of the 15 officially recognized languages of India. Though it is the mother tongue of about 50 million people, it is spoken and understood by almost the whole population of Pakistan and is the primary means of written communication in that country. Being quite similar to spoken Hindi, it is widely understood in India, and the Indian film industry has given it a great boost. Urdu boasts an extremely rich literary tradition, which has enriched itself for centuries and continues to do so even in our times.

Objectives of the Course

The goals of this course are to introduce students to the Urdu alphabet, elementary vocabulary, basic grammar and sentence structure, and to enable students to identify the elements of the spoken and the written language. Students will also learn about the culture, traditions, and history of Pakistan and India. By the completion of the course, students are expected to have enough vocabulary to participate in a basic conversation, and to be able to read and write simple sentences.

In 102-104 Courses students are further trained to develop their skills of speaking, comprehension, reading and writing. An introduction to some famous Urdu poets and their poetry is presented. Urdu comedy forms and commonly spoken proverbs are also introduced. After studying these four courses, the students should be able to engage in dialogue in Urdu comfortably. Also they should be able to write simple letters to their friends and enjoy reading newspapers and simple prose and poetry books.

Student Evaluation

Class Participation:	25%
Homework/Quizzes:	25%
Midterm Exam:	25%
Final Exam:	25%

All assessments of the homework, quizzes, and exams will be graded on a percentage basis. Missed homework and quizzes will count as ZERO. Only in the case of verifiable (documented) illness or emergency will a make-up be given.

Academic Misconduct and Plagiarism

Students are reminded that they are responsible for obeying the University's rules regarding academic misconduct as set forth in the Code of Student Conduct (http://studentaffairs.osu.edu/info_for_students/csc.asp). The term "academic misconduct" includes all forms of student academic misconduct wherever committed; illustrated by, but not limited to, cases of plagiarism and dishonest practices in connection with examinations. Instructors are required to report all instances of alleged academic misconduct to the University Committee on Academic Misconduct. Penalties for cheating or plagiarism, as determined by the Committee, may include a failing grade in the course.

Students with Disabilities

Any student who feels he or she may need an accommodation based on the impact of a disability should contact the instructor privately to discuss his or her specific needs. Please contact the Office for Disability Services at (614)292-3307, or visit 150 Pomerene Hall, which coordinates reasonable accommodations for students with documented disabilities.

Required Course Materials

For Urdu 101 the following text books (available at SBX) and Instructor's Handouts will be used:

1. "Teach Yourself Urdu" by David Mathews. (Text Book #1)
2. "Beginner's Urdu Script" by Richard Delacy. (Text Book #2)
3. Instructor's Handouts.

SYLLABUS

<u>Week 1</u>	Overview of material covered under Urdu 101 Course.
<u>Week 2</u>	Splitting and forming the Urdu Words (Instructor's Handouts). Writing Practice (Text Book #2, Units 3 & 4)
<u>Week 3</u>	Studying Urdu dialogues –(Text Book #1, pp 59-77) Basic Vocabulary (Text Book #1, Unit 4)
<u>Week 4</u>	Use of common Urdu proverbs (Instructor's Handouts). Grammar Rules (Text Book #1, Units 1 & 2)
<u>Week 5</u>	Studying Urdu dialogues –(Text Book #1, pp 78-97)

Week 6**REVIEW & MIDTERM****Week 7**

Splitting and forming the Urdu Words (Instructor's Handouts).
Writing Practice (Text Book #2, Units 5 & 6)

Week8

Grammar Rules. (Text Book #1, Units 3 & 4)
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Week 9

Introduction to Famous Urdu Poets (Instructor's Handouts).
Studying 5 poems of Urdu poets. (Instructor's Handouts).

Week 10

More Urdu proverbs (Instructor's Handouts).
REVIEW

FINAL EXAM: