

TURKISH COURSES

FALL 2019

Turkish 111-1 - Elementary Turkish

Prof. Oya Topçuoğlu - MWF 11:00-11:50am

Turkish 111 is a three-quarter introductory course in modern Turkish. It aims to introduce students to the essential points of modern Turkish grammar and vocabulary to develop basic reading, writing, speaking and listening skills. The course also provides insights into modern Turkish culture, including field trips to Turkish restaurants and events in the Chicago area.

Turkish 121-1 - Intermediate Turkish

Prof. Oya Topçuoğlu - MWF 12:00-12:50pm

Turkish 121-1 is the first part of a three-quarter intermediate course in modern Turkish. It is designed for students who have completed Turkish 111 or equivalent. It aims to further develop reading, writing, speaking and listening skills acquired in Elementary Turkish, with an increased focus on contemporary Turkish culture, including music, film and literature.

MENA 101-6 First-year Seminar - We Are What We Eat: Turkish Food Culture and Cuisine

Prof. Oya Topçuoğlu - Tue-Thu 11:00am-12:20pm

Food can be a very relatable and intimate way to study the unfamiliar. In this course we will explore the complex relationships between food, culture, and society through the lens of Turkish food from the Middle Ages to the present. Food represents an integral part of livelihood, culture, and identity. Food production, consumption and sharing also have symbolic and ideological meanings. By delving into the culinary traditions, cultural practices, ingredients, recipes, and tools that are essential to Turkish cooking, we will take a close look at the historical and cultural phenomena that make up this diverse culture, and explore global issues such as identity, immigration, international relations, and religion within the context of the modern Middle East. In the classroom we will occasionally try foods from Turkey and the course will conclude with a cooking demo on campus to experience Turkish cuisine first-hand.