

Intensive Language Study: Quechua / Runasimi

QUEC-1003 (3 credits)

Peru: Indigenous Peoples and Globalization

This syllabus is representative of a typical semester. Because courses develop and change over time to take advantage of unique learning opportunities, actual course content varies from semester to semester.

Course description

This is an intensive language course of a theoretical-practical nature, and its purpose is that the student approaches the use of the Quechua language within the social sphere. This subject is considered important for fostering an understanding of the concepts within Andean worldview and for facilitating acceptance and immersion among Quechua speaking populations in Peru.

Course objectives

The course has the main purpose of providing the student with the basic building blocks of Quechua in order to facilitate immersion in the cultural and social environment of the Peruvian Andes through basic communication and showing an appreciation for indigenous language. The course aims to bring students to the 'Novice High' ACTFL Level, or A1 CEFR level.

Student Learning Outcomes:

By the end of the course, the student will be able to:

- *Speak and understand* Quechua in basic everyday experiences and activities: Greeting, farewell, asking, describing, family and community activities.
- *Discuss* current cultural activities of the time such as festivals, the agricultural cycle, etc.
- *Analyze* with a cultural and historical perspectives cultural products of the area: stories, customs, song.

Prerequisites

All classes will be taught in Spanish as it is the language spoken by the teachers in Cuzco. Students must therefore have at least two semesters of college level Spanish in order to undertake this course.

Methodology

Classes will be taught online, with learning focused on grammar, vocabulary and practicing dialogues through role play and song. Non class-based activities will include pairing up with other students for conversation practice, watching cultural videos, reading relevant materials, and doing set homework assignments.

Organization of the course:

This intensive course is made up of a total 45 learning hours, divided into 15 classes, with an additional 90 non-class hours for readings, exercises and language practice.

Course content

- Pronouns
- Present Simple, Past Simple, Past Continuous
- Adverb of place
- Possessives
- Adjectives
- Interrogatives: -CHU, PI, MAY, Imayna, Hayk'a
- Verb KAY/KASHAY (are/is)
- Suffixes:
- Locative –P.
- Ablative –MANTA
- Pluralizer –KUNA
- Genitive –q / pa

Evaluation criteria

Participation	10%
Assignments	10%
Oral Exam	40%
Written Exam	40%

Participation

This criterion considers the attendance and punctuality of the student. The student must always arrive before class and any absence must be communicated in advance. In this case, it is the student's responsibility to communicate with their classmates to find out what was taught in class and what assignments were set, and have them ready for the next class.

Assignments

This criterion considers the fulfillment of the assigned tasks in an appropriate way according to the teacher's criteria and completed before the class. Homework grades are not recorded.

Final Oral Exam

The student will present their family, describe their daily life and describe their own childhood.

Final Written Exam

This exam will assess components of grammar, vocabulary, and descriptive skills.

Rating scale

The grades reflect the student's interest and effort in improving their performance according to their abilities and characteristics.

	%	DESCRIPTION
A	94 – 100	Exceptional performance; balance between academic, attitude and sociocultural learning achievements.
A-	90 – 93	
B+	87 – 89	Methodical and hard work; includes solid foundations to keep moving forward.
B	84 – 86	
B-	80 – 83	
C+	77 – 79	The result meets the requirements, but requires further study.
C	74 – 76	
C-	70 – 73	
D+	67 – 69	The work reflects deficiencies and errors that have not been corrected despite the exercises and indications.
D	64 – 66	
F	< 64	

Bibliography

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Course Schedule and Content

	Week / Unit	Objective	Class Content	Hours	Non-Class Content	Hours
O N L I N E	1	To understand the Quechua language in its current context; greeting others and presenting yourself.	Varieties of Quechua and current daily use Spelling and phonetics Greetings and introductory phrases Pronouns, the verb Kay/Kashay The Present Simple	15	Readings regarding Quechua historical background Videos showing Quechua current context Exercises to practice basic present tense structures Greeting conversation practice	30
	2	Describing, presenting and asking questions about family	Family vocabulary Principal suffixes Interrogatives May and -chu Verb conjugation in the Present Continuous Occupational vocabulary	15	Videos about Andean family structure and roles Conversation practice with fellow students – questions/descriptions Make a presentation about another student's family	30
	3	Describing activities in your community	Possessive suffixes, the ownership genitive The Past Simple and Past Continuous Numbers and Colors Andean lifestyle vocabulary: Weaving, agriculture, <i>ayni</i>	15	Myths, legends, storytelling Writing about your childhood Describing your dreams Andean dream interpretations Readings and videos about life in the Andes and Taquile Conversation practice	30
			TOTAL CLASS HOURS:	45	TOTAL NON-CLASS HOURS:	90

**Please be aware that topics and excursions may vary to take advantage of any emerging events, to accommodate changes in our lecturers' availability, and to respect any changes that would affect student safety. Students will be notified if this occurs.*