

Course title

Introduction to Georgian: language and grammar

Lecturers

Svetlana Berikashvili (Ilia State University, Tbilisi, Georgia)

svetlana.berikashvili@iliauni.edu.ge

Tamara Kalkhitashvili (Ilia State University, Tbilisi, Georgia)

tamar.kalkhitashvili.1@iliauni.edu.ge

Teaching Language

this course will be taught in English

Contents

“Introduction to Georgian: language and grammar” offers an introductory course to Georgian (no previous knowledge of Georgian is required) and consists of two parts. The first part is an introduction to morphological and syntactic structure in Georgian and is taught by Svetlana Berikashvili. In this part we explore various grammatical features such as split ergativity, split S argumental-structural property, the existence of null arguments in the structure, focusing mostly on pro-drop and verbal agreement, nominal morphology, verbal morphology with respect to the slots of verbal templates, etc. In this part of the course, we will also have the opportunity to gloss small texts following Leipzig Glossing rules and to discuss some suggestions for student research, focusing mostly on controversial issues of Georgian grammar. Additionally, the overview lecture of the grammatical works on Georgian starting from the 18th century Georgian Grammar by Catholicos Anthony I will be offered.

The second part provides an opportunity for a practical language course and is taught by Tamara Kalkhitashvili. Here the students will acquire some basics of Georgian in order to construct simple sentences for communication with native speakers. For this part of the course the Textbook Georgian as a Second Language (by R. Asatiani, 2023, <https://sa-ga.org/en/book/georgian-as-a-second-language-textbook/58>) will be provided with simple texts, Grammatical features and basic characteristics of Georgian.

Modules

B.ASp.124: Sprachliche Grundlagen I a

B.ASp.125: Sprachliche Grundlagen IIa

Modul M.Ling.141: Sprachkompetenz

Appointments

Day	Date	time
Fr	8.12.2023	14-16
Mo	11.12.2023	13-16
Fr	15.12.2023	14-16
Mo	18.12.2023	13-16
Fr	22.12.2023	14-16
Mo	08.01.2024	13-16
Fr	12.01.2024	14-16
Mo	15.01.2024	13-16
Fr	19.01.2024	14-16
Mo	22.01.2024	13-16
Mo	19.02.2024	13-16

Place

Linguistics Department, SPW 0.108