

THE CENTRE FOR WESTERN ARMENIAN STUDIES is running Summer Intensive Courses in Western Armenian for the seventh year running. The courses are offered at two levels: elementary (in July 2025) and intermediate (in August 2025). All courses are held in English.

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ELEMENTARY WESTERN ARMENIAN

DATES

Elementary Western Armenian starts on Tuesday 1 July 2025 and ends on Monday 28 July 2025. This course consists of five and a half hours of teaching time per day, from Monday to Friday. The total teaching hours are 110.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Elementary Western Armenian is designed for beginners. It will provide students with the essential tools for using language. This course covers the four main areas of language acquisition: reading, writing, speaking and listening. It lays the foundations of language by teaching at a slow but steady pace the basics of Western Armenian. The course consists of four phases:

PHASE ONE

Students will become familiar with:

- the Armenian script (lower and upper cases, handwritten and printed versions);
- pronunciation coupled with reading;
- use of the verbs 'to be' and 'to have' (in the present and future tenses, in the interrogative, affirmative and negative);
- basic grammar (such as plurals and definite and indefinite articles).

PHASE TWO

In this phase students will acquire basic language knowledge of:

- numbers, days of the week, months of the year;
- countries, languages, citizens and their adjectives;
- the use of 'what', 'who', 'when' and 'where' in questions with the verb 'to be';
- the use of 'there is / are' in interrogative, affirmative and negative sentences;
- greetings and giving one's age.

PHASE THREE

At this stage students will be exposed to more sophisticated grammatical structures, such as:

- demonstrative and possessive adjectives and pronouns;
- prepositions;
- forming words with prefixes and suffixes;

- auxiliary verbs such as 'is / are needed', 'must' and 'need to'.

PHASE FOUR

This phase covers:

- the conjugation of verbs in present, present continuous and future tenses, including irregular verbs;
- the declension of nouns and a basic knowledge of the function of cases;
- the formation of compound nouns;
- the composition of simple sentences.

All grammatical explanations will be consolidated with numerous exercises. In all phases students will build and broaden their basic knowledge of vocabulary, and they will be exposed to basic texts.

The completion of this curriculum is contingent upon students' commitment and their classroom performance.

RESULT

At the end of this course, students should be able to express simple ideas, wishes, and thoughts on a variety of topics. They should be able to engage in simple conversations with native speakers, write simple sentences and read basic texts.

INTERMEDIATE WESTERN ARMENIAN

DATES

Intermediate Western Armenian starts on Monday 4 August 2025 and ends on Friday 29 August 2025. This course consists of five and a half hours of teaching time per day, from Monday to Friday. The total teaching hours are 110.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Intermediate Western Armenian is for students who have prior basic knowledge of the language (see the course description of *Elementary Western Armenian*). This course is designed to build on what students have learned at the beginner's level. It covers many aspects of grammar to take students to a reasonable level of competence in reading, writing and speaking. This course consists of four phases:

PHASE ONE

This phase revises the grammar of *Elementary Western Armenian*, including:

- conjugating present and future tenses, including irregular verbs;
- the plurals of nouns; definite and indefinite articles;
- demonstrative and possessive adjectives and pronouns;
- different types of declension;
- the formation of words with prefixes, suffixes and of compound nouns;
- broadening vocabulary, as well as speaking and listening tasks.

PHASE TWO

At this stage students will expand their grammatical knowledge and vocabulary base. The main highlight will be tackling the simple past tense and its irregular forms. The function of the genitive-dative, ablative and instrumental cases will be taught, as well as spelling rules and other grammatical features.

PHASE THREE

This phase comprises:

- the imperfect past;
- types of the verb (transitive, intransitive and passive);
- the conjugation of passive verbs;
- the function of nominative and accusative cases
- other grammatical features, such as comparatives and superlatives.

PHASE FOUR

In this last phase students will become familiar with a new set of grammatical

features, including:

- a foretaste of the Armenian equivalents of the present and past perfect tenses;
- the imperative mood;
- punctuation;
- other grammatical features.

All grammatical explanations will be consolidated with numerous exercises. In all phases students will build and broaden their basic knowledge of vocabulary, and they will be exposed to reasonably challenging texts. Students also will be asked to write very short essays on variety of topics.

The completion of this curriculum is contingent upon students and their classroom performance.

RESULT

At the end of this course, students should be able to express reasonably sophisticated ideas, wishes, and thoughts on a variety of topics. They should be able to engage in conversations with native speakers on most topics relating to daily life, to write sentences of reasonable complexity on the same themes and to read the kind of texts available in newspapers, etc.

COURSE VENUE

The courses will take place in **Athens** – more details will be announced later.

IMPORTANT DATES

All courses consist of five and a half hours of teaching time per day, from Monday to Friday. The total teaching hours for each course are 110.

ELEMENTARY WESTERN ARMENIAN

- Application deadline for students requiring visas and/or applying for scholarships: 15 April 2025
- Application deadline for all other students: one week before the start of the course
- Course starts: 1 July 2025
- Course ends: 28 July 2025

INTERMEDIATE WESTERN ARMENIAN

- Application deadline for students requiring visas and/or applying for scholarships: 15 April 2025
- Application deadline for all other students: one week before the start of the course
- Course starts: 4 August 2025
- Course ends: 29 August 2025

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

TUITION FEES AND PAYMENT

The tuition fees for either course is £1300, which includes administrative costs as well as learning materials. This fee does not include airfare or any other travel expenses. The payment should be made by bank transaction. Please take note of the payment deadlines in the [Important Dates](#) section of this prospectus.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Please contact us for information on how to apply and take note of the application dates in the [Important Dates](#) section of this prospectus.

REFUND POLICY

Once the tuition fees are paid they will not be refunded. Only in serious circumstances (family bereavement, serious illness or accident, unsuccessful visa application) will a partial refund be considered. For administrative costs £300 will be retained.

VISA

Before proceeding with any travel arrangement students must ascertain the type of visa they need. This also applies to students who do not require a visa as a tourist but might need special visas for other kinds of activity. This does not apply to EU citizens.

Please take note of the application deadlines in the [Important Dates](#) section of this prospectus. After you submit your application to the course, we will issue you with a letter in support of your visa application. If your visa application is unsuccessful, we will refund any tuition fees you have already paid, minus an administrative fee of £300.

ACCOMODATION

The Centre for Western Armenian Studies is not responsible for accommodation arrangements for students. We will try to help to make the stay of students as easy as possible, but the ultimate responsibility lies with students.

REPEAT APPLICATIONS

There are no application fees for those who are applying for the first time, or have successfully completed a previous Summer Intensive Course.

Those who have previously applied to one of the Centre for Western Armenian Studies' Summer Intensive Courses and have withdrawn their interest, or become non-cooperative, will be asked to contribute a deposit upon application. The amount that will be requested would depend on how many times the candidate has applied before.

- Those who have applied once before must pay a deposit of £300.
- Those who have applied twice before must pay a deposit of £700.
- Those who have applied three times, or those who had been accepted and awarded a scholarship in previous years without attending, must pay a deposit of £900.
- The applications of those who have applied four times or more will not be considered.

This deposit, which is required to prevent repeated false applications of candidates, will count towards the tuition fee once the candidate has successfully and fully completed the course.

If the participant is awarded a scholarship, the deposit shall be refunded – in full or in part according to the awarded scholarship amount.

COURSE ATTENDANCE POLICY

It is expected that students attend the lessons regularly. Not doing so will affect the smooth running of the course and create a gap of knowledge between attendees and absentees. This will hold back the rest of the class. If students regularly fail to attend lessons they will be asked to discontinue the course. **In this case there will be no refund.** This course should not be perceived as a tourist package.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

It is highly advisable to buy travel insurance, which also includes health insurance.

CERTIFICATE

Upon completion of the course certificates will be offered to students for a fee of £50.

MORE INFORMATION

Please direct any questions to the course director, Dr Krikor Moskofian, at k.moskofian@cfwas.org.uk