



Taras Hryhorovich Shevchenko is Ukraine's most famous poet. The Shevchenko Monument, Odessa  
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## Ukrainian in Odessa

Ukrainian is the official language of a European country with more than 40 million inhabitants. It is also the language of Ukrainian literature as well as the language of an original, traditional Eastern Slavic culture, with its many ceremonial songs and texts. This language links the ancient Slavic life and traditions with a modern and, to a greater extent, European country.

Today, the Ukraine is opening up to the Western world, not least thanks to modern Ukrainian authors such as Oksana Zabuzhko, Yuri Andrukhovych, Serhiy Zhadan, Lubko Deresh and Yuriy Vynnychuk. The Ukrainian language itself is very beautiful and melodic and it is often compared to Italian.

- Courses are offered *at all levels*, from the beginner to the advanced student.
- *Course intensity*: somewhere between 15 and 25 lessons per week is optimal.
- *One lesson* lasts 45 minutes and is followed by a short break. Lessons take place in a dedicated room.
- *Length of course*: optimum is a stay of two weeks or more.