

**Department of Languages, Literature and Cultures**  
**University of Florida**  
AHM1131 - BEGINNING AMHARIC 2  
**Spring 2018**

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**Class Hours: Monday-Friday, 9:35am-10:25am**  
**Office Hours: Thursdays @ 3 pm**  
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**Credit Hours: 5**  
**Class Room: NPB 1200**

**Course Description**

This course is a continuation of Beginning Amharic I. It will focus on enhancing the communicative skills acquired in the previous semester. More advanced grammar and expanding vocabulary aiming at fluency in speaking, reading and writing simple stories using Amharic alphabets in standard Amharic will be emphasized. Culture and language are integrated into all class activities in a systematic way to enable students to achieve both linguistic and cultural proficiency necessary elements for developing communicative competence.

**Course Objectives**

At the end of this course, students will demonstrate evidence of acquisition of increased skills in the use of Amharic in their daily interactions such as greetings, interpersonal conversation, and understanding of some aspects of the Amharic culture. Students will be able to use additional communicative grammatical constructions with a basic knowledge of the Amharic literature.

**Course requirements**

Grading is based on a combination of class attendance and participation, homework, quizzes, a term project, reading comprehension, oral dialogue, midterm test, and a final examination.

Class attendance/participation-----	5%
Quizzes/tests-----	15%
Homework-----	20%
Term Projects-----	15%
Reading and Oral exercise-----	10%
Midterm test-----	10%
Final examination (oral & written) -----	25%
Total-----	100%

**For students with disabilities:** Students requesting classroom accommodation must first register with the Dean of Students Office. The Dean of Students Office will provide documentation to the student who must then provide this documentation to the instructor when requesting an accommodation.

**Religious Holidays:** If you will miss class because of a religious holiday, please inform the instructor in advance so he is aware that you have a legitimate reason for an absence.

**Grading Policy:** Grading policies for assigning grade points may be accessed by using the following web page: <http://www.registrar.ufl.edu/catalog/policies/regulationgrades.html>.

### **Required Text Books and Materials**

- Ayalew, Bezza. (2005). *Let's Speak Amharic*. National African Languages Resource Center Press. Madison (required)
- Gessesse, Kebede. (2012). *Basic Amharic: A Teaching Manual*. CreateSpace, Charleston, South Carolina (Optional).

### **Course Outline**

#### **Week 1**

Introduction and Syllabus discussion.

Revision on numbers, time, colors

Ask & tell time, an item's color

#### **Week 2**

Compass directions & Nationality

Asking & telling Nationality

Conversation about your country and its relative direction

#### **Week 3**

Comparative and Superlative, Adjectives

Construct sentences using Comparative Adjectives.

#### **Week 4**

Giving and understanding directions

How to ask direction and tell direction

**Week 5**

Geographic features & climate

Go places and Geographic features

Directions and distance of places

**Week 6**

Demonstrative Pronoun, This is.....These are  
Negation of sentences

**Week 7**

Body parts and Hospitals

Explain what you feel and how in a hospital

**Week 8**

Money

Money and costs of items

Bargaining in a market

**Week 9 & Week 10**

Food and food items

Order food in a restaurant

Food etiquettes in Ethiopian culture

Conversation in a hotel

**Week 11**

Possession “to have” .....I have .....You have

**Week 12**

Ethiopian Holidays, and Culture

Wedding Ceremony

**Week 13**

Transportation in Ethiopia

**Week 14**

Ethiopian melody beats, and music

**Week 15**

Phone calls and Messages

Conversation in an Office & with Officers

**Week 16**

Amharic Movies, Documentaries & News

Course Summary

**April 25: Class Ends**

**Reading Days: April 26-27**

**Holidays**

*No classes*

**January 15: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**

**March 3-10: Spring Break**