Department of Languages, Literature and Cultures

University of Florida

AHM1131 - BEGINNING AMHARIC 2

Spring 2019

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Class Hours: Monday-Friday, 9:35am-10:25am

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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, reading comprehension, oral dialogue, midterm test, and a final examination.
Class attendance/participation------------------------------------- 5%
Weekly Homeworks (10*5) -------------------------------------- 50%
Midterm test (oral and written) (March 15) -------------------- 20%
Final examination (oral & written) (April 27) -------------- 25%
Total--------------------------------------------------------- 100%
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


Course Outline

Week 1

Introduction and Syllabus discussion.
Revision on Fall classes
Reading exercises

Week 2

Tenses
Asking & telling Nationality
Contextual Vocabulary

Week 3

Tenses
Comparative and Superlative, Adjectives
Construct sentences using Comparative Adjectives.

Week 4

Tenses
Contextual Phrases
Listening Video
**Week 5**

Tenses  
Contextual Phrases  
Listening to Video

**Week 6**

Tenses  
Contextual Vocabulary  
Reading

**Week 7**

Tenses  
Body parts  
Contextual Vocabulary

**Week 8**

Tenses  
Contextual Phrases  
Reading

**Week 9**

Selected Verbs and their forms  
Conversation in a hotel  
Contextual Phrases

**Week 10**

Selected Verbs and their forms  
Contextual Phrases  
Video

**Week 11**

Contextual Phrases  
Reading
Video

**Week 12**

Ethiopian Holidays, and Culture

Wedding Ceremony
Listening to Video
Reading

**Week 13**

Contextual Phrases
Transportation in Ethiopia
Week 14

Contextual Phrases
Ethiopian melody beats, and music, Tizita
Video

Week 15

Contextual Phrases
Telephone Communication (Personal and Business)

Week 16

Summary

April 24: Class Ends

Reading Days: April 25-26

Holidays

No classes

January 21: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

March 3-10: Spring Break