

Department of Languages, Literatures and Cultures

University of Florida

Advanced Amharic Fall 1 2017

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Class Hours: Tuesday & Thursday, 9:00-10:30 am

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Office: Grinter Hall 448

Credit Hours: 3

Class Room: UST 0105

Course Description:

This course is aimed at introducing students some complex speaking, writing, and reading exercise. The course covers different tasks of high-level abstractions. It mainly focuses on speaking. The speaking is mostly carried out by students in dialogue, role play drama, and day-to-day interactions.

Objectives:

The primary goal of the class is to enhance students speaking fluency and dealing with some issues of advanced Amharic.

Course Requirements

Grading is based on a combination of class attendance and participation, quizzes, homework, reading comprehension, dialogues, mid-term test and a final examination.

Participation-----	10%
Quizzes (4) -----	20
Home Work (10) -----	20%
Reading and oral exercise-----	20%
Midterm-----	10%
Final examination-----	20%
Total_____	100%

For students with disabilities: Students requesting classroom accommodation please visit

<https://drc.dso.ufl.edu/>

Religious Holidays: If you 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: <https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/grades.aspx> Grading Scale

A= 95-100 B+= 85-89 C+= 70-75 D+= 55-59

A- = 90-94 B= 80-84 C= 65-69 D= 50-55 F <49

B- =75-80 C- = 60-64

Required Text Books and Materials

The instructor will assign class materials by composing from different sources. The class will have recorded and posted in canvas after each session.

Contents

Week 1 (8/22 & 8/24)

Discuss the syllabus

Week 2 (8/29 & 8/31)

Telling what you observe in present tense form

Week 3 (9/5 & 9/7)

- Expressing opinions with reasons (Topics of discussion will be suggested by students)
- How to solve problems (We raise problem and seek for solutions)
- E.g. How to improve coffee production

Week 4 (9/12 & 9/14)

Vocabs and sentence construction

Week 5 (9/19 & 9/21)

Gender marker in a sentence

How to switch sentences between male and female

Week 6 (9/26 & 9/28)

Build a drama in a bus going to Southern part of Ethiopia. Talking with one of the passengers. Talking about events in present tense.

Week 7 (10/3 & 10/5)

Build a drama in a bus going to Southern part of Ethiopia. Talking with one of the passengers. Talking about events happened in the past.

Week 8 (10/10 & 10/12)

Build a drama in a bus going to Southern part of Ethiopia. Talking with one of the passengers in a future tense. Your plan, his/her plan, why you are going to the place, etc.

Week 9 (10/17 & 10/19)

Reading: Ethiopia under the feudal time. (Basic Amharic 2, Unit 53: page 518)

Week 10 10/24 & 10/26

-Comparing two cities in Ethiopia

-Grammatical note: “moltual”. Unit 54

Week 11 10/31 & 11/2

Telling Natural resources in America. Minerals.

Grammatical note: I think so. “yimeslegnal” FSI Unit 36: page 387

Week 12 (11/7 & 11/9)

Have you ever done? Have you ever wanted? Have you ever been? “tawkaleh?”

Week 13 (11/14 & 11/16)

A tour of Addis Ababa. Colloquial Amharic Page 231.

Week 14 (11/21 No class on 11/23)

Contd from Week 13

Week 15 (11/28 & 11/30)

Revision

Week 16 (11/5)

- Review

- Final Exam (12/7)