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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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](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)**


**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)