Department of Languages, Literatures and Cultures University of Florida
Advanced Amharic Fall 2019

Instructor: Belay Alem

Class Hours: Tuesday (10:00-10:50) & Thursday, 9:30-11:10 am

Office Hours: Tuesday @ 2 pm and by appointment

Office: Grinter Hall 448
Credit Hours: 3
Classroom: TBA
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 (3)-------------------------------40%
Reading and oral exercise--------------25%
Midterm--------------------------------10%
Final examination----------------------15%
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
Grading Scale

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A = 95-100 \quad B+= 85-89 \quad C+= 70-75 \quad D+= 55-59
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A- = 90-94 \quad B = 80-84 \quad C = 65-69 \quad D = 50-55 \quad F < 49
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B- = 75-80 \quad C- = 60-64
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**Required Textbooks and Materials**

The instructor will assign class materials by composing from different sources.

**Contents**

**Week 1**
Discuss the syllabus

**Week 2**
Talking about University life, Courses and degrees

**Week 3**
Talking about food preparation and consumption in Ethiopia

**Week 4**
Talking about daily routines

**Week 5**
Talking about historical sites in Ethiopia

**Week 6**
The causes and consequences of civil war in different countries

**Week 7**
Talking about child education and care

**Week 8**
Migration and human trafficking

**Week 9**
Rural and urban land and property ownership in Ethiopia
Week 10

- Comparing cities in Ethiopia

Week 11

Talking about Natural resources in USA and Ethiopia

Week 13


Week 14

Talking about regions, people and their cultures in Ethiopia

Week 15

Continued from week 14

Week 16

- Review
- Final Exam (12/7)