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AKA 1130 Beginning Akan 1

Course Description/Objectives

This is an introductory language course designed to help students develop basic Akan communicative skills (speaking, reading, writing, and oral comprehension). By the end of the semester, students should be able to, among others, greet each other, introduce themselves and ask about others, talk about where they come from and where they live, the number and names of their family members, where they live, their age, and the work they do. They should also be able to do basic description and use numbers.

Requirements

Final grading is based on all your homework, a final exam, a language project, a writing project, and oral exercises. The breakdown is as follows:

Homework	40%
Final exam	30%
Writing project	10%
Conversation project	10%
Oral exercises	10%

The above shows that it is extremely important to complete and submit EVERY homework.

Homework

Some of the homework exercises are in the course textbook while some (mostly the audio ones) are only at the course website. It is therefore important that students ALWAYS check the assignment section of the course website before doing the homework. Homework should be submitted by 11:50pm on the due date. Note that any work that is submitted to my email box will be discarded.

Conversation project

Students will be required to record a conversation with a native speaker in which they strive to cover all the key things they learned in class. They will have from Thursday, November 30th to Wednesday, December 5th to prepare, record, and submit the work. Note: the recording should be by video and be such that the instructor can ascertain that there was no reading. All pauses, hesitations and reconstructions should be left as is without editing.

Language Project

Between October 9th and 13th students will work on an essay about themselves and their family. The information in the essay should include their (i) name, (ii) where they come from, (iii) where they live, (iv) what they do, (v) the names of their parents, (vi) where they live and (vii) what they do, (viii) the number of siblings they have, (ix) their names, (x) where they live and (xi) what they do.

Oral Exercises

On some Mondays specified in the detail syllabus, students will hold a brief conversation with the instructor on the topics specified in the schedule. Fellow students will grade students' performance.

Final exam

The final exam will consist of a written part which tests everything we've covered during the semester. It will be written on Wednesday, December 14th during class hours.

Grading Scale

93-100 (A); 90-92 (A-); 87-89 (B+); 83-86 B; 80-82 (B-); 77-79 (C+); 73-76 (C); 70-72 (C-); 67-69 (D+); 63-66 (D); 60-62 (D-); 59 or below (E)

A grade of Incomplete (I) will not be issued under any circumstance

Grading Policy

Information on current UF grading policy can be found at: <https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/grades.aspx> (Links to an external site.)