SSW 3303: Swahili Oral Literature

Course description

SSW 3303 serves as the 4th year of Swahili and, therefore, it is appropriate for those students who have taken Advanced Swahili (SWA 3410/3411) or have equivalent level of study or proficiency. It continues from where SWA 3411 ends. It concentrates on developing the learner’s ability to participate effectively in most formal and informal communicative interactions on practical, social, professional and abstract topics as well as the ability to support opinions and hypothesize using native-like discourse strategies. It specifically focuses on Swahili oral literature – including theoretical issues, exploring and surveying various types of Swahili oral literature including folktales, fables, poetry, propitiatory offerings, proverbs, riddles, and the like, and their role in contemporary society.

Course objectives

Students should be able to participate actively and react to others (face-to-face interactions, presentational speaking & writing), appropriately in academic debates (formal or informal), providing some facts and rationales to back up their views/opinions/statements.

Texts

Tanzu za Fasihi Simulizi (M.M. Mulokozi, 1989)
Fasihi Simulizi na Nadharia ya Fasihi ya Kifarika (Kimani Njogu, 2006)
Fasihi Simulizi na Usuli wa Historia ya Pemba (S.A.K. Mlacha, 1995)
Fasihi SimuliziNguzo ya Fasihi Andishi: Mfano wa Riwaya ya Walenisi (John Marani, 2006)
Tahakiki ya Methali za Kiswahili (Pamela Ligami & Sandra Barasa, 2006)
Dhima ya Utendakazi wa Vitudawili katika Jamii (Clara Momanyi, 2006)
Swahili Sayings from Zanzibar – Book One: Proverbs (S.S. Farsi, 1966)
Swahili Idioms (Shaaban Farsi, 1973)
Vitendawili (EK. Meena, et al, 1968)
500 Haya Proverbs (H.B. Nestor, 1978)
Hadihi za Furaha – Kitabu cha nne (Kitula G. King’ei, 2002)
Course evaluation
The course grade will be based on a combination of class attendance, participation, quizzes, presentations, and term project. The breakdown of the grading is as follows:

- Attendance & participation (Mahudhurio na kushiriki darasani) .. 10%
- Presentations (Uwasilishaji) .................................................. 20%
- Quizzes (Chemshabongo) ...................................................... 20%
- Term Project (Projekti ya Muhula) ........................................ 50%

Total 100%

The authorized letter grades (A, B, C, D, E) are as follows:

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

Grade Points:

- A = 4.0; A- = 3.67; B+ = 3.33; B = 3.0; B- = 2.67; C+ = 2.33; C = 2.0; C- = 1.67; D+ = 1.33; D = 1.0; D- = 0.67; E = 0.0

SCHEDULE (RATIBA)

WIKI 1: Kupitia silabasi na ufafanuzi wa dhana za msingi.
WIKI 2: Tanzu za Fasihi Simulizi
WIKI 3: Tanzu za Fasihi Simulizi
WIKI 4: Fasihi Simulizi na Nadharia ya Fasihi ya Kiafrika
WIKI 5: Fasihi Simulizi na Usuli wa Historia ya Pemba
WIKI 6: Fasihi Simulizi Nguzo ya Fasihi Andishi: Mfano wa Riwaya ya Walenisi
WIKI 7: Tahakiki ya Methali za Kiswahili
WIKI 8: Tahakiki ya Methali za Kiswahili (Muundo, maana, na matumizi)
WIKI 9: Dhima ya Utendakazi wa Vitendawili katika Jamii
WIKI 10: Dhima ya Utendakazi wa Vitendawili katika Jamii
WIKI 11: Hadithi za Furaha

WIKI 12: Hadithi za Furaha

WIKI 13: Majigambo

WIKI 14: Miviga/matambiko

WIKI 15 & 16: Majumuisho na kuhitimisha darasa.