

**Department of Languages, Literatures and Cultures
University of Florida**

AHM1131 - BEGINNING AMHARIC 2

Spring 2016

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Class Hours: Monday-Friday, Period 2

Office Hours: Thursdays @ 3 pm

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Credit Hours: 5

Class Room: UST 0101

Course Description

This course is a continuation of Beginning Amharic I. It will focus on enhancing the communicative skills acquired in the previous semester. More advanced grammar and expanding vocabulary aiming at fluency in speaking, reading and writing simple stories using Amharic alphabets in standard Amharic will be emphasized. Culture and language are integrated into all class activities in a systematic way to enable students to achieve both linguistic and cultural proficiency necessary elements for developing communicative competence.

Course Objectives

At the end of this course, students will demonstrate evidence of acquisition of increased skills in the use of Amharic in their daily interactions such as greetings, interpersonal conversation, and understanding of some aspects of the Amharic culture. Students will be able to use additional communicative grammatical constructions with a basic knowledge of the Amharic literature.

Course requirements

Grading is based on a combination of class attendance and participation, homework, quizzes, a term project, reading comprehension, oral dialogue, midterm test, and a final examination.

Class attendance/participation-----	5%
Quizzes/tests-----	15%
Homework-----	20%
Term Projects-----	15%

Reading and Oral exercise-----10%

Midterm test-----10%

Final examination (oral & written) -----25%

For students with disabilities: Students requesting classroom accommodation must first register with the Dean of Students Office. The Dean of Students Office will provide documentation to the student who must then provide this documentation to the instructor when requesting an accommodation.

Religious Holidays: If you will 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: <http://www.registrar.ufl.edu/catalog/policies/regulationgrades.html>.

Required Text Books and Materials

- Gessesse, Kebede. (2012). *Basic Amharic: A Teaching Manual*. CreateSpace, Charleston, South Carolina.(Main reference book throughout the year)
- Appleyard, D. (1995). *Colloquial Amharic: A Complete Course for Beginners*. Routledge 711 Third Avenue, New York, NY 10017. (Optional)
Amharic flash cards, audio tapes, CDs will also be used in the class.
Amharic Basic Course, volume 1, Foreign Service Institute, Department of State.

Course Outline

Week 1

Introduction and Syllabus discussion

Week 2

Comparative and Superlative, Adjectives

Construct sentences using Comparative Adjectives.

Week 3

Demonstrative Pronoun, This is.....These are

Negation of sentences

Week 4

Possession “to have”.....I haveYou have

Week 5

Current events in Ethiopia, Listening News and explain

Week 6

Telling time, time and month...including tomorrow, after tomorrow...

Week 7

Classroom expression, including grammatical notes related with expressions

Week 8

Appointment and the use of “want”

Week 9

Asking places, and giving directions

Week 10

Ethiopian melody beats, and music

Week 11

Conjunctions....and...or...

Week 12

In the hotel and asking prices

Week 13

Past perfect....” had”.....with the usage of Amharic auxiliary verbs.

Week 14

Amharic Movie/History

Week 15 & 16

Completion of Projects, and Revision

Reading Days

No classes

April 21-22

Final Exam

April 23 and 25-29

Holidays **January 18: Martin Luther King Jr. Day**

No classes

February 27 - March 5: Spring Break