

Department of Languages, Literatures and Cultures
University of Florida
Advanced Amharic I (AHM 3410)
Fall 2016

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Class Hours: Monday-Wednesday-Friday (4:05 PM-4:55 PM)

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Credit Hours:

Class Room: Ustler 103

Course Description

Advanced Amharic is a continuation of Intermediate Amharic. Emphasis would be given on conversational fluency, comprehension of advanced level grammar, and ability to use Amharic to acquire information, knowledge and critical-thinking skills. Activities are including reading authentic Amharic texts and current newspaper as well as magazine prose, selected readings from Modern Amharic authors, (i.e. novels, plays, and poetry), illustrative of cultural life in the Amharic speaking society. The course also put more emphasis on argumentative topics, debates, hypothesizing and providing opinion on some issues the instructor might introduce.

Course Objectives

The main objective is to continue developing communicative skills to enable the learners to engage in meaningful verbal activities with other speakers of Amharic the social and philosophical ideas expressed literature and other texts they are reading, watching or listening. They should also be able to discuss their research projects and conduct interviews in Amharic with individuals on personal, social and professional topics. It will also help students to engage in issues that are more complex and explain them to their audience.

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 final examination.

Class attendance/participation-----	5%
Quizzes/tests-----	5%
Homework-----	20%
Report on Current Events-----	10%
Term Projects-----	15%
Reading and Oral exercise-----	10%
Mid term test-----	10%
Final examination (oral & written) -----	25%

Tentative Course Outline

Week 1

Revision Class

Week 2

House cleaning (Reading passage)

Age and Respect

Greetings during holidays

Week 3

The History of Addis Abeba (Reading passage)

Week 4

Who am I? (A short essay)

Women and Children

Week 6

Argumentative sentences (Dealing with different debatable issues)

Role-play on topics of interest.

Religion and faith in Ethiopia

Week 8

Discussing Abstract ideas (Mostly Drawn from readings and personal interest topics)
Customary laws, Gender roles and marriage in Ethiopia
Economic and social life in Urban and Rural Ethiopia

Week 9

Solving problems (Dialogue Format, solving problems of different degree of complication)
Current events

Week 10

Amharic oral poems of Ethiopian Peasantry
Songs, Dance and Arts
Cultural idioms and sayings

Week 11

Media and communication in Ethiopia
Folklore
Traditional medicine and cultural beliefs of health and wellness

Week 12

Puzzles
Project presentation

Week 13

Reading stories on political and social life of Ethiopians during the 1970's

Revision

Week 14

Final Exam

Holidays & Events

- September 5: Labor Day
- October 14 & 15: Homecoming
- November 11: Veterans Day
- November 23-26: Thanks giving break
- December 7: Classes End
- December 8-9: Reading Days
- December 10 & December 12-16: Final Exams