

**Department of Languages, Literatures and Cultures University of Florida  
Advanced Amharic Fall 1 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.

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| Participation-----             | 10% |
| Quizzes (3) -----              | 40% |
| Reading and oral exercise----- | 25% |

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| Midterm----- | 10% |
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| Final examination----- | 15% |
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| Total_____ | 100% |
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**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

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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: <https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/grades.aspx> Grading Scale

A= 95-100 B+= 85-89 C+= 70-75 D+= 55-59

A- = 90-94 B= 80-84 C= 65-69 D= 50-55 F <49

B- =75-80 C- = 60-64

### **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**

A tour of Addis Ababa, Colloquial Amharic Page 231.

**Week 14**

Talking about regions, people and their cultures in Ethiopia

**Week 15**

Continued from week 14

**Week 16**

- Review
- Final Exam (12/7)