Department of Languages, Literature and Cultures University of Florida

AHM3411 - ADVANCED AMHARIC 2
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Class Hours: Monday-Wednesday-Friday, period 7 (1:55 pm-2:45pm)

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Credit Hours: 3

Class Room: CBD (Room TBA)

Course Description

Continuation of AHM3410 with increased emphasis on conversational fluency, comprehension of advanced level grammar, and ability to use Amharic to acquire information, knowledge and critical-thinking skills. These aims would be achieved through reading authentic Amharic texts including current newspaper and magazine prose, selected readings from Modern Amharic authors, (i.e., novels, plays, and poetry), illustrative of cultural life in the Amharic speaking society and the textbook. The course also put more emphasis on contentious topics, debates, hypothesizing and providing opinion on some issues the instructor might introduce.

Course Objectives

The primary objective is to continue developing communicative skills to enable the learners to engage in meaningful verbal activities with other speakers of Amharic in topics of social and philosophic fields. They will 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, and final examinations.

Course Outline

Date	Chapter/Pages	Class Period	Homework
		Instructional Lesson	
		15 min break	
		Semi-structured Conversation	
Jan. 11		Syllabus	Review Vocab:
			Pps. 7, 12, 15, 16
			Read chapters:
			8, 9, 10
Jan. 18	Chapter 8	Verb: Groupings I, II, III and	Review Vocab: Pp.
	Chapter 9	Past tense	18
	Chapter 10		Worksheet
Jan. 25	Chapter 11	Reflexive Pronouns	Review Exercise 12
			C on Pp. 23
			Worksheet
Feb. 1	Chapter 12	Imperatives	Read Pp. 25
			Worksheet
Feb. 8	Chapter 13	Greetings	Review Vocab:
			Pps. 29 & 30
			Worksheet
Feb. 15	Chapter 15	Adjectives & Numerals	Cumulative Review
			Worksheet
Feb. 22		Review	Review
March 1		MIDTERM	
March 8		SPRING BREAK	Review Pps 32-35
March 15	Chapter 16	Verbs: Past Continuous Tense	Review Vocab Pp 37
		and Present Future Tense	Read Pp. 37-39
			Verb Conjugation
			Drills
March 22	Chapter 17	Prepositions	Read Pps 30 & 31
			Worksheet
March 29	Chapter 18	Negative Verbs	Worksheet
April 5			Prepare questions for
		D 111	review
		Drills	Cumulative Review
			Worksheet
			Prepare questions for
A 11.10		D 'II	review
April 12		Drills	Review
April 19		FINAL Evaluation	
		Potluck	

Required Textbook: Amharic Grammar, Norwegian Lutheran Mission Languages School