

COURSE INFORMATION

Semester: Fall 2016

Office: Grinter 444

Level: Advance Akan 1

Office Hours: Mondays and Wednesdays:
13:00-15:00pm

Time: M:9-1030 Thr: 9-1030

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Text:

1. Ofori Seth (2006). Ma y3nka Akan (Twi). Madison: Wisconsin
2. Essegbey, James & Ofori Amo. Online Beginning Akan 2
3. Kwakye Sylvester (2012). Asante Twi Kasa Safoa. Strongman: Kumasi
4. Tufour Lawrence (2012). Twi language course for beginners. Kumasi Catholic Press: Kumasi.
5. Agyeman Prempeh Akwasi (2010). Twi kasa mmra ho adesua bi. OWASS: Kumasi

Course description:

The course will introduce students to a more advance form of the Akan language, expanding the vocabulary and grammar of students. The courses focuses on building the ability of students to comprehend and use of more complex form of Asante Twi including Twi colloquial, proverbs personification, poems, among others. Fluency in speaking, reading and writing complex texts in 'standard' Akan will be one of the goals of the class. The course will build basic communicative skills; interpersonal, interpretive, and presentational communicative skills of students. This will be achieved through various activities and performances in the classroom including reciting of poems and proverbs in class, acting some role plays of scenarios, and conversations with colleagues and invited personalities into class sessions using complex language. Take home exercises and assignments will be administered to ensure understanding and affective class.

We will also read books in Akan, explain, and write on topics that introduce students to the sociocultural landscape of Akanland, contextual usage of words and their meanings, e.g. during funerals, weddings, conversation with elders, choice of words in a palace, among others. Class exercises will include reading, speaking, grammar, story telling/writing, recitation of poems and proverbs, comprehension exercises (both written and listening comprehension), and essays on different contexts of language usage and role playing. Students are encouraged to look for Akan speakers both on and off campus and interact with them. This will provide students with authentic learning experiences with native speakers outside the classroom.

Course Objective:

- Students should be able to sustain conversations in Asante Twi, comprehend complex Asante Twi, and use them when appropriate.

Course learning performance outcomes

At the end of this course, students are expected to reach between Advance Medium Proficiency Level of the American Council on Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) proficiency guidelines.

Course requirements:

Class attendance: Class attendance is required. Class attendance and participation will count for 10% of the final grade.

Mid-term exam: There will be a midterm exam. The mid term exam will be a take home exam to be submitted at a determined date by the third week of classes. mid term exams will be 20% of the final grade.

Assignments: Daily and weekly assignments will be given and will form 20% of final grade

Final exams: The final exam will be in two forms; oral exams and a written exam. The oral exams will be conducted on 12/01/2016. Oral exam is 20% of the final grade while the written exam will count for 30% of the final grade. The written exam will be a take home exam to be submitted by 7th December, 2016. The question for the written exam will be given a week to the submission date. The final exam will be 50% of the final grade.

Final evaluation:

Class attendance and participation	10%
Assignments	20%
Mid-term exam	20%
Final exams (oral and written)	50%

Grading scale

The following grading policy will be followed in awarding grades

A	93-100	C	76-73
A-	90-92	C-	72-70
B+	89-87	D+	69-67
B	86-83	D	66-63
B-	82-80	D-	62-60
C+	79-77	F	0-59

Week	Topic/activity
1	Idioms (Twi language course for beginners pg. 50) Adjectives (Twi kasa mmra ho adesua bi 13)
2	Idioms (Twi language course for beginners pg. 50) Ntam (Akanfo) amammer3 ho adesua c8 Asante Twi Kasa Safoa 115 Adverbs (Twi kasa mmra ho adesua bi 15-18)
3	Proverbs (Twi language course for beginners pg. 50) Aware3 ho ns3m (Akanfo) amammer3 ho adesua cp5, asante twi kasa safoa 12
4	Proverbs (Twi language course for beginners pg. 50) Nyins3n ne abawo) (Akanfo) amammer3 ho adesua 1 pg 11-16) Nouns (Twi kasa mmra ho adesua bi 18-30)
5	Literary devices (Twi kasa mmra ho adesua bi 50-56) Personification Metaphor
6	Literary devices (Twi kasa mmra ho adesua bi 50-56) Simile Emphatic particles (Twi kasa mmra ho adesua bi 31)
7	Reduplication (Twi kasa mmra ho adesua bi 34-36) Interjection (Twi kasa mmra ho adesua bi 46)
8	Synonyms and antonyms (Asante Twi Kasa Safoa 194, Twi kasa mmra ho adesua bi 54-58)
9	Essay/letter writing Asante Twi Kasa Safoa 258/261
10	Essay/letter writing
11	Thanksgiving holidays

12	Review/Take home exams questions
December, 7, 2016	Final exams due