

COURSE INFORMATION

Semester: Spring 2017

Level: Advance Akan 2

Time: M:9-10:30 W: 10:35-11:30

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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, storytelling/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. 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. 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	Review/
2	Conversation: Ne3 me y3 y3 w) akwama mu Literary devices Reduplication (Twi kasa mmra ho adesua bi 34-36)
3	Conversation: M'danfo ho as3m Literary devices (Twi kasa mmra ho adesua bi 50-56) Simile Emphatic particles (Twi kasa mmra ho adesua bi 31)
4	Conversation: amany)s3m Letter writing in Akan
5	Akan amamer3: Ayiy)
6	Akan amamer3: Kunay3
7	Conversation: Adwuma a mep3 s3 mey3 no daakye Akenkan: Ahenfo ayiy)
8	Conversation: video call with native speaker Akenkan: Adedie
9	Conversation: ceni a mahw3 da Spring break
10	Susutwer3: me kurom ho as3m Ahentuo
11	Sustwer3: krataa twer3 Akanfo) nnwuma ahodo) bi
12	Video conversation with native speakers Susutwr3: me sukuu ho as3m

13	Amamer3: Ahensie Video conversation
14	Review
15	Final exams due