

SWA 3411: Advanced Swahili-2

Section 0991

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Tuesday 3:00-4:55 PM & Thursday 4:05-4:55 PM

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course concentrates on developing of expository writing skills with increased emphasis on conversational fluency, comprehension and usage of advanced level grammar, and ability to acquire information, knowledge, and critical-thinking skill through reading Swahili texts drawn from a variety of authentic sources especially those from the media and modern Swahili authors and composers (i.e., comics, video music, poetry, film), illustrative of cultural life in the Swahili speaking communities.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

Students should demonstrate the ability to participate effectively in most formal and informal verbal interactions involving practical, social, professional, and abstract topics. They should be able to evaluate, analyze, and critique in spoken and written discourse the content of texts (written and spoken).

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

In addition to classroom activities, each topic has a combination of written and oral presentation assignment graded as follows:

Photo	10%
Cartoon	10%
Video music	10%
Poem	10%
Film	10%
Newspapers	10%
Taarabu	20%
Research project.....	20%

TOTAL	100%
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The authorized grading symbols (A, B, C, D, E) will be used and scores and grades are as follows:

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A = 94-100; **A-** = 90-93; **B+** = 87-89; **B** = 83-86; **B-** = 80-82; **C+** = 77-79; **C** = 73-76; **C-** = 70-72; **D+** = 67-70; **D** = 63-66; **D-** = 60-62; **E** = 59 and below.

TEXTS

Poetry, M.M. Mulokozi (*Mulika* Na. 21)

Poems (newspapers)

Taarab music (Shakila)

Film "Nyange Kigoma"

Online newspapers

Online comic strips

Video music (Chameleone)

SCHEDULE

WEEK 1: Review syllabus & basic conceptual terms.

WEEK 2: Describing & discussing pictures/blogs.

WEEK 3: Analyzing & discussing cartoons

WEEK 4: Watching and discussing video music (Mama Rhoda)

WEEK 5: "Amina" poem and poems in newspapers.

WEEK 6: Watching and discussing a Swahili film: "*Nyange Kigoma*"

WEEK 7: "*Nyange Kigoma*"

WEEK 8: "*Nyange Kigoma*".

WEEK 9: Online newspapers.

WEEK 10: Taarabu music (Shakila)

WEEK 11: Taarabu music

WEEK 12: Research project: topic and synopsis.

WEEK 13: Research project: schedule and methodology.

WEEK 14: Research project: class presentations.

WEEK 15: Research project: final draft of the research proposal.

