ÈKÓ YORÙBÁ ÀKÓBÈRÈ

YOR 1131: BEGINNING YORÙBÁ I I, section 066GD (Spring 2019)

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COURSE DESCRIPTION AND OBJECTIVES

This beginners' course is intended for anyone who wants to acquire some knowledge of Yorùbá language or wants to develop **speaking**, reading, and writing skills of Yorùbá. Therefore, the course focuses on basic aspects such as greetings and self-introduction and finishes up with lessons of self-expression at various everyday services such as the market, bank, post-office and how to make telephone calls, etc. At the end of the session, a good student should be able to:

- (1) speak a reasonable amount of basic conversational Yorùbá,
- (2) read and understand a reasonable amount of elementary Yorùbá,
- (3) understand a reasonable amount of elementary Yorùbá when it is spoken to her/him,
- (4) write/compose a reasonable lengthy essay in Yorùbá and
- (5) appreciate the cultures and histories of the Yorùbá people.

(Take note of the words *reasonable, basic,* and *elementary* in every instance. How far you go and how proficient you become by the end of the course will, largely, depend on you. At least an hour a day outside of class, looking over what was done, will contribute to good success. In addition, try attending one Yoruba event organized by native speakers)

REQUIRED TEXTS

Our main text for the course will be: Schleicher, A. Y. F. (1993) *Jé Ká So Yorùbá* New Haven & London: Yale University Press. (ISBN Number 0-300-05590-0). If you already have a copy, no need to buy another. A Yorùbá-English Dictionary is also recommended.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

To achieve our set objectives, regular class attendance, punctuality, and active participation in class discussions are required. In addition, we will be using the language laboratory once a week; lab day will be announced in class at the appropriate time. The coursework will comprise of a series of announced and unannounced quizzes, individual oral presentations, take-home assignments and weekly tests (on Fridays).

ATTENDANCE POLICY

Since language is learned over time, with persistence, consistency and great deal of patience, regular class attendance and individual/group studies are crucial to the learning process. For this reason, there shall be various penalties for the violation of class attendance policy. The following penalties shall apply for the violations listed below:

Lateness: A student is considered late if she or he arrives in class after attendance has been taken (i.e. about 5 minutes into the class period). Lateness shall be calculated on 2 lateness = 1 absence basis.

Absences: Any lateness beyond the first 15 minutes of class is considered an absence for that day (even if such student decides to remain in class!) There are about 80 days for this semester

Please keep your cell phones in your bags during the 50 minutes we are in class or keep it on silent.

Grade point Reduction: Starting with the third absence, your grade will be reduced by a half point (for instance, if your grade amounts to an 'A' and you were absent four times during the Semester, your grade will be reduced to a 'B''). However, genuine excuses for absence (if the need arises) should be made known to me at least 24 hours prior to such an absence, except in cases of emergencies. Except with authentically documents stating the cause of an absence (e.g. doctor's report in cases of emergency) missed quizzes, tests and other assignments will not be readministered on any other grounds. (N.B. Note that 80% minimum attendance is required to make a passing grade in this course! Anything less than this minimum requirement will earn an E in the course).

Make-up policy for weekly tests: Make-up tests will only be allowed under certain conditions:

- (1) An absence backed with a medical excuse
- (2) A university authorized trip outside of class. Apart from these two there will be on make- up exams or tests in this class. Please note that every test counts toward your final grade.

COURSE EVALUATION

Find below a breakdown of workload for	this course:
Class attendance [75] and participation:	[20] 100* Participation will be decided based on activities
Daily Journals	80
Conversational practice pieces	25* (A total of 5 phone calls during the semester)
Weekly Tests mostly on Fridays	350 (Including unannounced quizzes)
Written assignments/projects	100 (You will be expected to submit <code>Iṣẹ siṣe</code> from the textbook*)
Oral Exams	100* dates will be announced
Final Semester written examination:	250*
<u>Total</u> :	<u>1000</u>

Have a special book for all your written assignments. Choose any 5 questions per week (1.5 points each)

Grade Correspondence:

930-1000 =	A [900.929 A-]	
870-890=	\mathbf{B}^+	
830-860=	B [800-869B-]	
770-790=	C^+	
730-760=	С [700-729-С-]	
670-690 =	D^+	
630-669 =	D	
600-629=	E+	
500- 599=	E	
0-499 =	F	

General

Feel free to ask questions in the class so that you will not be left behind. However, if there are issues that we cannot resolve in class, you are encouraged to use my office hours or just send me an email. I look forward to a rewarding semester with you all.

"This course will observe official policy on the H1N1 virus."

PLEASE NOTE:

There is a new format for the Daily Journal this semester. I have provided templates to be used every day for the journals. You will complete it at home after class and bring to class every day. Practice writing a paragraph per week based on what we learned in class that week.

Please check for when homework assignments are due. The Yoruba expression for home work will be work done from home—**işé àtiléwá**

First Quiz:

What does ÈKÓ YORÙBÁ ÀKÓBÈRÈ mean? (2) Can you use àkóbèrè in a complete sentence?

YORÙBÁ PEOPLE and their LANGUAGE

Yorùbá is a tonal language spoken in Nigeria by about thirty million people and in the neighboring countries of the Republic of Benin and Togo. In Nigeria, Yorùbá speakers reside in the Southwest region in states such as Òyó, Ògùn, Osun, Ondo, Ekiti, Lagos, Kogi and Kwara states. **Yorùbá is a Kwa language**, which belongs to the **Yoruboid group**. Apart from about 30 million native speakers of the language found in south-western Nigeria and South-eastern Benin Republic, there are also descendants of Yorùbá people transported to the New World during the Transatlantic slavery of 18th to 19th centuries; most especially in Brazil, Cuba, Haiti, Trinidad, Puerto Rico, etc who speak variations of the language.

Yoruba is a tonal language and so it is important to pay attention to the tones in the language. Tones occur on the syllable in Yorubá but in the orthography, tones are marked on vowels and syllabic nasals. There are three basic tones of different pitch levels in Yoruba: High, Mid and Low. In the writing system, the High and Low are marked with (`) and (`) respectively, over the vowel. The mid tone is generally unmarked except where there might be ambiguity or confusion.

General II:

Please note that this syllabus is subject to change depending on the rate at which you as learners cooperate with the teacher. There is no exemption to the writing of daily journals. The journals are to help you coordinate and systematize your learning. It gives you one more window to reflect on what you are learning. There are going to be new additions to what I expect from your journals. I will announce the changes in class.

This semester I expect you to set goals for yourself during the language lab periods. Do not waste the 40 minutes checking other sites that have nothing to do with Yorùbá. The emphasis for this semester is your learning how to speak, write, and understand Yorùbá language and culture.

Venues See above for classes for 4rd period – All days except Thursday [] Thursdays [Language Studio-]

Thursdays we meet in Turlington 1317 (Language Studio)

Important Dates to Note: Spring Break: - March 2nd to 9th

Classes end April 24 Reading days April 25 – 26 Final exam: May/02/2019 @ 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

January 21: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

A = 90% - 100%	Outstanding Progress	4 grade points
B = 80% - 89%	Above Average Progress	3 grade points
C = 70% - 79%	Average Progress	2 grade points
D = 60% - 69%	Lowest Acceptable Progress	1 grade point
E = 0% - 59%	Failure	0 grade points

Second semester schedule

1st Week -òsè kìíní--- REVIEW OF FIRST SEMESTER YORUBA (January 7th to 11t^h)

Ojó ajé [Monday 7th January] REVIEW OF FIRST SEMESTER YORUBA and this syllabus. Review

classroom expressions especially those useful in class and cardinals (onkaye), ordinals (onkapo),

introduction of the new daily journal method and the video on how to learn a new language.

Ģjó ìşégun [Tuesday-8th]. Continuation of the review sessions (Total 100 mins for two days)

Qjó rú [Wednesday 9th]- - - (Source: Schleicher Lesson 6)- The notion of "being fat",

How to describe people using size, look and personality. The verbs to be tall, short, fat, slim. In some of these verbs there will be no need for the verb to be. Monologue on page 101 gives examples of how these verbs are used.

Ģjó bọ [Thursday 10th]- class starts with a review of classroom expressions we worked on from Monday to Tuesday **(10mins)**. Then continue with Schleicher Lesson 6, page 103. Take note of the new words like eja òbòkún and how the culture relates to fat women. Take note also of Gerunds and their usage. In addition, more on the verb to be and its negation pages 104 to 105 (15mins) End class with use of Náà ati Tun (page 109)

Ọjó Ęti [Friday 11th]-: Look through the daily journal. Review of yesterday's class (5-10 mins). Reading comprehension **page 111** (10mins). Vocabulary/pronunciation of words on pg. 112 (20 mins). Questions on Pages 114 to 116.

Qjó ajé [Monday 14th]- Review (5mins). Words and expressions needed for recounting a trip and activities during a trip (**Source-** Schleicher, Lesson 7)..(20mins). **GRAMMAR** The relative clause marker **tí** on **page127** Expressing Kí ni and **Ohun tí,** Expressing Nigbà ti and Nigbà ti --bá

Ọjọ ìṣẹ́gun [Tuesday 15th]- Useful expressions in talking about future plans, talking about future plans, the future marker: Máa [Mo máa rí yin ní ỳla] A máa jeun ni irọlẹ́. Expressing previous days fun àpẹẹrẹ..àná, ijẹta, abbl ---

Ojó rú [Wednesday 16th]- Expressing *Nígbà Wo*? and ígbà tí, The consonant κ; including things what we learned last semester.... Review the monologue & Dialogue (pages 119- 120 ati ojú ìwé 132).

Reading comprehension-(Read Àṣà òkè olúmo on page 130).

Ojó bọ [Thursday 17th]- First language lab day...: practice for Yoruba conversation (A trip I made)* other themes and dates to be announced.

Qjó etì [Friday 18th]- Idanwo kiini ti odun yii (First test for the year)

Ôsệ kẹta---Qjó ajé [Monday 21]- Kò ni si kilaasi ni ọjó yii nitori Holiday [MLK Day]

Ojó ìségun [Tuesday 22nd]-: Lesson 8 Mode of transportation)--Awon ohun irinna Pages 137 to 149, Monologue on page 137, learning different modes of transportation.

Qjó rú [**Wednesday 23rd**]- Gírámà: Present perfect ti as in has or have. Example in English you say, "I have eaten" In Yoruba you say Mo ti jeun. Practice habitual tense marker maa n and its negation (p.142); -How to use ilé, ibi, òdò (p. 144).

Qjó bo [Thursday 24th]- Language Lab: practice for Yoruba conversation

Ọjó ẹtì [Friday 25th]- Second Quick test and Conclude lesson 8, **Gírámà**-present perfect markers (**ti, kò tí ì**), -Habitual marker (**máa n, kì í**);

ASSIGNMENT for the week due Friday 25th 2019. Make a Birthday card for a friend, all expressions must be in Yoruba

Òsè kẹrin... **Ọjó ajé** [Monday 26th]- Review of the past week (5 to 10mins), page 146..Expressing birthdays and dates of birth (10 mins). Learning about the culture of **living with parents** (gbígbé pèlú àwọn òbí ẹni)...(page 147) (10mins). Words to learn, àgbàlagbà, ìgbéyàwó, titi di igba ti, ko aṣa

Ọjó ìṣégun [Tuesday 22nd**]-**: Review of words encountered during the eighth lesson (5 to 10 mins.), page 148. Tone practice iṣé ṣiṣe ketadinlogun (15mins). Aṣo Yoruba-Ἐkó Kesanan-Clothing and associated verbs pages 151 to 153.. Isorongbesi nipa aṣo wiwò

Ģjó rú [Wednesday 23rd]: - Isorongbesi nipa aṣo ríran Dialogue on page 160 about sewing of clothes **Ọjó bọ [Thursday 24th]- Language Lab:**

Ọjợ ẹtì [Friday 25th]: Quick summary of the week (5 to 10mins), review of the Birthday Cards made (10 mins). Ìdánwò òsè fun ìséjú marunundinlogbon

As from now; practice -(Fill in the gaps in front of Ose......for 5th week to 15th week below

January 28th to 31st- Practice talking about clothes and your birthday (p.146).

5th Week Òsè..... January 28th to 31st February 1^{st (}You need to know your numbers for this section)

Işé àtiléwá: Work from Home-Bring pictures of Yoruba clothes for males and

females. Include the verbs for the different clothing. Due on Thursday during

the language lab 1/31/19

Qjó ajé [Monday 28th]- Review of the past week (5 to 10mins) start on Clothing page 151-

Expressing different ways of dressing and talking about the verbs that go with male and female clothes (15 mins) end with Question markers... iruwo (p. 154) and how to use fi and lo

Ọjó ìṣégun [Tuesday 29th]- Àṣà aṣọ wíwò, báwo ni àwọn ọkùnrin gbódò wọ aṣọ lọ sí òde Dialogue on page 160.

Qjó rú [Wednesday 30th]: Review of new words page 161 & 163 (20 mins)

Qjó bo [Thursday 31st]: Language lab (Review of pages 164 to 166, what words/expressions do you find difficult?)

Ọjó ẹtì [Friday 1⁵]: Ìdánwò ọ̀sẹ̀ fun ìṣéjú marunundinlogbọn

6th Week Òsè..... February 4th to 8th (You need to know your numbers for this section)

Qjó ajé [Monday 4th]- Review of the past week (5 to 10mins), Shopping in an open market system:

How to haggle...Bí a se n nája; Numbers: 200-1000; Expressing Báwo ni? Bi a se n..... Why questions: Ki l'o de?; Expressing **Eélòó ni** and **Oye tí** Consonant **y Source: Schleicher, Lesson 10**.

Ọjó ìṣégun [Tuesday 5th**]-** .Page 170 Aṣa ọjà nina, iyatọ laarin ọja ibilẹ ati ọja igbalode, review of numbers 200 to 1000 (page 171).

Ģjó rú [Wednesday 6th]: Review of new words page 174 iṣẹ ṣiṣe kẹsanan (20 mins). Conversation in class about going to a Yoruba market.

Qjó bo [Thursday 7th]: Language lab, read the dialogue on page 177 with a partner and be ready to

answer questions on Friday during the test

Ģjó ẹtì [Friday 8th]: Ìdánwò òsè fun ìséjú márùnúndínlógbòn, review page 177

7th Week Òsè......February 11th to 15^{th (}You need to know your numbers for this section). E je ki a ko nipa agogo

(Let us learn about time)

 Qjó ajé [Monday 11th]-: How to tell time...[Source: Schleicher, Lesson 11], Questions to ask about timeki ni aago wi? Tabi agogo mélòó ni ó lù. Words you need to know about how to tell the time in Yoruba
Qjó ìşégun [Tuesday 12th]- Monologue on page 181, the habitual tense marker. How to divide

days in Yoruba land (page 183).

Qjó rú [Wednesday 6th]: Gírámà- lẹhin, lẹhin ti, lẹhin....ti ba (page 189) (15 mins), iyato laaarin tan ati parí

(10mins), Dialogue on page 192

Qjó bo [Thursday 7th]: Language lab- Watch video on Akoye unit 11 [Kí ni aago wí?]

Review last lessons and words learned during the week

Ģjó etì [Friday 8th]: Ìdánwò òsè fun ìséjú marunundinlogbon

8th Week Òsè......February 25th to 28th (You need to know your numbers for this section). E je ki a ko

nipa ounje sise (Let us learn about cooking food). Eko kejila--- Talking about food--Expressing hunger and thirst,

Cooking among Yoruba people; Prepositional phrases; Gerunds; Expressions that go with mealtime in Yoruba.

Watch video on Akoye unit 9 [Oríșìí Oúnje]

Qjó ajé [Monday 25th]- Review of the past week (5 to 10 mins)--Ki ni ounje ti o féràn jù? Bawo ni a se n sè é? (10 mins). Page 197 gives a template for how to fry plantain. What are the verbs that go with cooking and preparing to cook? Page 198 (20 mins) Learning names of foods and drinks (page 199) (10 mins)

Ģjó ìşégun [Tuesday 26th]- Review of yesterday's lessons (5 to 10 mins), Making a menu and

an advert for a canteen in Yoruba in class (20 mins).

Ọjó rú [Wednesday 27th]: Review of Yoruba foods, drinks, and snacks (5 to 10mins), Girama-prepositional phrases (page 202) (20 mins), expressing hunger or thirst (page 205).

Qjó bo [Thursday 28th]: Language lab- Watch video on Akoye unit 11 [Orișii ounje]

Review last lessons and words learned during the week

Ģjó etì [Friday 1st March]: Ìdánwò òsè fun ìséjú marunundinlogbon

Spring Break: - March 2nd to 9th

9th Week Òsè.....March 4th to 8th Akoko isinmi ranpe

10th Week Òsè......March 11th to 15th (You need to know your numbers for this section). E je ki a tun ko nipa àsà ounje sise ati jije

Qjó ajé [Monday 11th]-: Review of last weeks (5 to 10 mins), What happens during mealtime? Akoko ounje...[Schleicher, Lesson 12] 10 mins, Dialogue on requesting for something to eat (15 mins)
Qjó ìségun [Tuesday 12th]- Review of words and expressions on food and time (20 mins), tone

practice page 210 (15 minutes).

Qjó rú [Wednesday 13th]: Talking about different professions---Iṣẹ ibilẹ (Yoruba traditional professions); More on the question marker-- **Níbo**?; Comparative and Superlative form **jùlọ**; Question marker-**Ta n**i and sentence format **eni tí**; Using the words **sọ, sọrọ**, and **sọ fún**;

Class exercise: Interview a professional person to find out what he/she does in his profession. Write a

simple report in Yorùbá due March 21.

Qjó bo [Thursday 14th]: Language lab- Watch video on Watch video on Akoye unit 15, Also unit 5--Akoye

online . Review last lessons and words learned during the week

Ģjó etì [Friday 15th]: Ìdánwò òsè fun ìséjú marunundinlogbon, Difference between Mo maa and

Maa.

11th Week Òsè......March 18th to 22nd (You need to know your numbers for this section). E je ki a tun ko nipa orișiriși ișe

Qjó ajé [Monday 18th]-: Review of last weeks (5 to 10 mins), Monologue on working in America (page 215) 15 mins, learning the song iwe kiko, lai si okó (page 217) (20 mins),

Ģjó ìşégun [Tuesday 19th]- Review of words on different kinds of jobs and asking about people's

professions (20 mins), tone practice page 229 (15 minutes).

Ojó rú [Wednesday 20th]. Learning new words about meeting a professional. Dialogue page

227 (20 mins). Tone exercise page 229 (20 mins).

Qjó bo [Thursday 14th]: Language lab- Watch video on Watch video on Akoye. Review last lessons and words learned during the week

Ģjó ẹtì [Friday 15th]: Ìdánwò òsè fun ìséjú marunundinlogbon

12th Week Òsè......March 25th to 29th (You need to know your numbers for this section). E je ki a tun ko nipa orișiriși ayeye. Source: Schleicher, Lesson 13. Sisoro nipa orișiriși ayeye pataki (Talking about different ceremonies or important occasions)

Qjó ajé [Monday 25th] Yoruba ceremonies Source: Schleicher, Lesson 14...Ayeye, Asking about ceremonies, How to express reported speech, Use of **ki**, Additional greetings and useful expressions. Wedding ceremony (page 235). Look for video clips on child naming ceremonies (15 mins)

Ģjọ iṣẹgun [Tuesday 26th] Using text from [Akoye unit 18, lesson 3]. Gírámà questions about ceremonies (15 mins), How to express reported speech (page-238)

Class exercise: start writing a detailed essay about your best friend including information about his or her personality, nationality, the work he does or will like to do in future etc. due Thursday 28th

Qjó ru [Wednesday 27th] –Review of lesson on different ceremonies and how to use ki page 239. Read the dialogue on page 242 about child outing ceremony (15 mins). The expression from page 11 shows up again on page 243. It is about how to express do not be upset. Page 244 is on other forms of greetings.

Qjó bo [Thursday 28th]: Language lab- Watch video on Watch video on Akoye . Review last lessons and

words learned during the week. Tone practice page 245 (15 mins)

Ģjó etì [Friday 29th]: Ìdánwò òsè fun ìséjú marunundinlogbon

13 th Week	òsè	[April 1 st to 5 th]
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Qjó ajé [Monday 1st] Daily routine...Nnkan ti mo maa n şe, Describing your typical day or week to a partner in class, translate your conversation into Yoruba (20mins)

Girama: Reflexives **fúnraara**, The verb **tún –se**, More on numerals melòó?: kan, meji,meta etc. (15 mins) Game: Bojúbojú, **Use the text from Akoye unit 7,**

Qjo işegun [Tuesday 2nd]. Read the monologue on page 249; take note of the new words and expressions

Ģjọ iṣẹgun [Tuesday 3rd]. What words do you need for things you use to get dressed in the morning? Review of words and expressions Page 250.

Class exercise: Ișe șișe keta oju iwe ookanleniaadotalenigba (20 mins). Using Reflexives in sentences fúnraara mi (page 252).

Ọjó ru [Wednesday 4th] –How to interview a professional in Yoruba (page 257) , you will have to look for a professional to interview and write your dialogue in Yoruba. (20 mins).

Qjó bo [Thursday 5th]: Language lab- Watch video on Watch video on Akoye. Review last lessons and words

learned during the week. Tone practice page 259 (15 mins)

Ģjó etì [Friday 6th]: Ìdánwò òsè fun ìséjú marunundinlogbon

14th Week òsè..... April 8th to 12th How to give directions. Bí a se n júwe onà (see page 281 for a layout of a typical town) How to express understanding or lack of understanding of some concept Becoming a king in Yoruba. oba jije ni ile Yoruba (page 283) The particle ki Vowels o and e Using text from Akoye (Source: Schleicher, Lessons 17) 15th Week òsè..... April 15th to 19thth Dialogue on page 287 Then lesson 18 (University life in Nigeria) Expressions to learn pertain to how different institutions are named. The concept of Nursery schools as a place children go so that the home would be guiet. The Culture of schools among Yoruba people. 16th Week òsè.....April 10th to 14th Ayewo on page 307 Reading days April 25 – 26 REVIEW, REVIEW, REVIEW Classes end April 24.....Reading days April 25 - 26 Final exams period April 27 - May 3 (Final Exam: May/02/2019 @ 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM) Samples of possible assignments: Fill in the gaps with your own particular information-(1). Orúko mi ni.....mo n gbé ni.....mo je omo odún......Mo ní (àwon) àbúrò......[n ko ní àbúrò Kankan], orúko (àwon) àbúrò ni.... won ń gbé ni..... (2). Ni osù ti ó kojá, mo rin ìrìnàjò lo sí..... (3). Isé ti mo féràn ni.....mo feran ise yii nitori pe..... (4). Mo wo aso Yoruba lo si ibi ayeye ti ebi mi se lanaa, mo we gèlè (mo dé fìlà), mo wo bùbá, mo ro ìró, mo si wo bata..... (5) Ebí mi féràn oúnje sísè, èmi náà féràn ounje ti mo sè..... Plan your own monologue and call me when you are ready, you all have my cell phone number. Remember that there are points for each call.

Lesson Notes: Ojó ìṣégun-: Conclude lesson 8, Girama-present perfect markers (ti, kò tí ì), -Habitual marker (máa n, kì í);irúwo (p. 154)* Lessons for Tuesday- How to express past tense using have/has/had ti; the negation of ti as kò ì tí ì; grammatical construction with rí at the end; QUESTION MARKERS that have wo as part of them; Tense markers...máa n and its negation kì í; New words and expressions