
Elementary Kiswahili – AFST 101
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Class Time: MWF. 8.30 – 9.45.
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COURSE DESCRIPTION AND OBJECTIVES.
This course introduces students to the basic structures of Kiswahili with emphasis in achieving elementary communication in reading, writing as well as grammatical skills. The course also introduces students to the appropriate contexts of language usage by providing them with insights into the culture, traditions and history of Swahili speaking communities of Eastern Africa.

REQUIRED TEXTS
2. Online Kiswahili course: KIKO – Kiswahili Kwa compyutai.

CLASS POLICIES
1. Regular attendance and participation of all classes and lab sessions is mandatory.
2. Timely completion of all assignments and homework is expected.

GRADING.
Students will be evaluated on the basis of class participation, homework assignments, quizzes, language lab midterm and final examination.
30% final exam. (Written = 15% and Oral = 15%)
20% midterm test
20% homework and assignments
10% Language lab assignments
10% quizzes
10% attendance and class participation.

COURSE SCHEDULE
Week 1: Preliminary lesson and lesson one
Introduction to Swahili culture and people
• A brief background history of the Swahili people
• A brief outline of where Kiswahili is spoken.

Week 2: Introduction to the sounds of Kiswahili
• Kiswahili vowels
• Kiswahili consonants
• Where and how they are produced.
• In class quizzes
• Lab assignments

Week 3: Introducing of Oneself and family members
• Use of basic constructions – asking and telling names.
• Introduction to numbers 1 – 100.
• Grammar / Sarufi, Present tense / wakati uliopo (NA)
• Question words, how many? / Kiulizi ngapi.
• Lab assignment
• Homework, write about yourself and close family members.

Week 4: An introduction to the noun (word) classes in Kiswahili / Ngeli za majina katika Kiswahili
• Lab assignment.
• Homework – read the noun classes of Kiswahili.

Week 5: Word classes and agreements / Ngeli za Kiswahili na viambishi vyake
• Examples of Kiswahili word nouns / mfano wa majina ya Kiswahili
• Kiswahili noun agreement or prefixes / viambishi vya ngeli za Kiswahili
• Simple sentence construction
• Lab assignment
• Mid term test

Week 6: Review of the midterm test
The family and its activities.
• Monologue – talk about your family and the activities of each member
• Grammar / Sarufi - Demonstratives / Vionyeshi
  - Adjectives / vivumishi
  - Past tense / wakati uliopita (LI)
• The question word in past tense what did you do? Ulifanya nini?
• New words / Msamiati - a few names of animals and insects majina ya wnyama na wadudu wachache

Week 7: Greetings / Maamkuzi.
• An introduction to cultural greetings of the Swahili.
• Types of greetings / aina za maamkizi
• Welcoming visitor at home / Kukaribisha mgeni nyumbani

Grammar / Sarufi
• Negative tenses / Kukanusha nyakati, past. KU
  present perfect or recent past, JA
  present, uliopo, - I
  future, ujao TA
  past conditional, SINGALI
  general conditional, SINGE
• Homework – negating given sentences / kanusha sentesi ulizopewa
• Lab assignment

Week 8: Activities and life at home.
• Monologue – reading and answering comprehension questions.
• Names of languages, nations and nationalities.

Grammar / Sarufi
• The present tense / wakati uliopo
• The present tense plural
• Adjectives and possessives
• Negation of tenses
• Lab assignment
• Homework

Week 9: Housing and accommodation.
Introduction to cultural Swahili homes and homesteads
• Hoses and homesteads / nyumba na kaya.

Grammar / Sarufi.
• Locatives / ngeli za mahali, PO, KO, MO.
• Nouns, being in a state / condition
• Question word - what, nini?
• Test two
• Lab assignment

Week 10: People nationalities and age.

• Talking about, their nationalities and age.

Grammar / Sarufi.
• Aspects of a - / wa noun group
• Personal pronouns
• Counting / how many, kiulizi ni ngapi.
• Revision and preparation for end of semester examination.

Week 11: end of semester exams.