



DEPARTMENT OF LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES

AF1110 Swahili, Introductory Course, 7.5 credits

Introduktion till Swahili, 7,5 högskolepoäng

First Cycle

Confirmation

This course syllabus was confirmed by Department of Languages and Literatures on 2017-03-13 and was last revised on 2018-12-10 to be valid from 2019-01-21, spring semester of 2019.

Field of education: Arts 100%

Department: Department of Languages and Literatures

Position in the educational system

The course is offered as a freestanding course.

The course can be part of the following programme: 1) Master's Programme in Language and Intercultural Communication (H2SIK)

Main field of studies

African Languages

Specialization

G1N, First cycle, has only upper-secondary level entry requirements

Entry requirements

General entrance requirements for university studies. Exemption is given from Swedish.

Learning outcomes

On successful completion of the course the student will be able to:

Knowledge and understanding

- account for basic linguistic terminology;
- account for the grammatical structure of Swahili with a focus on morphology as well as show a basic knowledge of syntax;
- describe the linguistic situation in Eastern Africa;

Competence and skills

- use the basic rules in the morphology, phonology and syntax of Swahili that were covered in the course;
- demonstrate communicative skills in Swahili;
- master a basic vocabulary in Swahili;
- discuss simple linguistic issues, place them in a broader context as well as analyse and interpret texts from a linguistic perspective;
- translate a simple text from Swahili into a Scandinavian language or English;

Judgement and approach

- relate critically to literature about Swahili.

Course content

The course provides knowledge of basic linguistic terminology, as well as of the phonetics, phonology, orthography, morphology, syntax and semantics of Swahili. In the course a vocabulary of about 500 words should be acquired, and reading skills are developed through the study of adapted and annotated texts along with sound recordings of the texts in Swahili. Throughout the course, translation skills are also developed, mainly from Swahili into a Scandinavian language or English, but also simple translation into Swahili. Furthermore, the course gives an overview of the role of Swahili in societies in Eastern Africa. The course also trains students in acquiring, with the help of digital aids, information about the language and the language situation as well as critically reviewing and evaluating such information.

Form of teaching

The teaching is conducted in the form of lessons and exercises through the Gothenburg University learning platform.

Language of instruction: English

Assessment

The course is examined continuously with mandatory assignments throughout the course, and with a final exam.

Students who have failed any part of the course are given the possibility of a new test. In connection with written assignments, supplementary assignments may be offered in order for the student to achieve a Pass grade. Such a supplementary assignment should be done within the stipulated time (normally five working days after the result has been posted). Otherwise a Fail grade will be reported.

A student who has passed a subtest may not do a new test for a higher grade. Nor do students have the right to withdraw a submitted test and in such a way avoid being graded.

If a student who has failed the same examined course component twice, wishes to change examiner before the next examination, a written application should be sent to the department responsible for the course and be granted unless there are special reasons to the contrary. (Chapter 6, Section 22, Higher Education Ordinance).

In case the course is no longer offered or goes through major changes, examination is available for a maximum number of three attempts (including the regular examination) for a period of one year on the basis of the previous set-up of the course.

Grades

The grading scale comprises: Pass with Distinction (VG), Pass (G) and Fail (U).

For the grade of Pass with distinction on the entire course, this grade is required on the final exam.

Course evaluation

The students are given the opportunity to make a written evaluation of the course. The results of the evaluation are published digitally.

Additional information

Equality aspects should be taken into consideration in content, literature, teaching and evaluation.