

Kiswahili

African & African Diasporic Languages

KISWAHILI at KU

The Department of African and African American Studies at the University of Kansas offers Kiswahili language and culture courses at four levels. The program prepares students for high global competency through professional-level proficiency in Kiswahili. The curriculum incorporates the World Readiness Standards for learning languages and the American Council of Teachers of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) proficiency guidelines. We offer student centered Instruction, and our instructors use the communicative and interactive teaching approaches which develop listening comprehension, speaking, reading, writing, and cultural awareness. Our students benefit from rigorous classes taught by expert language teachers, innovative technology, and cultural immersion activities to enhance the language learning experience.

COURSES OFFERED:

KISW 110/120 Elementary Kiswahili

KISW 210/220 Intermediate Kiswahili

KISW 310/320 Advanced Kiswahili

KISW 401/402 Readings in Kiswahili

*Graduate students may take undergraduate level courses for graduate credit. Please contact <afs@ku.edu> for graduate course permission number.

WHY STUDY KISWAHILI

With 45 million native speakers, and over 100 million people who use Kiswahili as a second language, Kiswahili is the seventh most widely spoken language in the world. It is a Bantu language with a rich African cultural heritage and is widely spoken in Kenya, Uganda, Central African Republic, Rwanda, Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, the Comoros Islands, Malawi, Mozambique, and Northern Zambia. Kiswahili is the official language in Tanzania, Kenya, Rwanda and Uganda, and it is a working language of the African Union.

Kiswahili holds strategic importance for social, political, and economic engagement in across Africa. With increased globalization efforts learning Kiswahili language and culture opens an extensive and new horizon to one of Africa's most rich, fascinating and unique cultures. Studying Kiswahili prepares students for career opportunities in academia, Federal and Foreign Service, health care, language instruction, journalism, business, political science, contractual and corporate law, and cultural exchange and Non-Governmental Organizations. Basic knowledge of Kiswahili will also prepare you for research interests in archeology, anthropology, religion, public health, conflict resolution, human rights, environmental science, conservation, climate change, and technology, and art history. The languages acts a passport to Kiswahili speaking countries which allied to the United States.

ABOUT AAAS

AFRICAN & AFRICAN DIASPORIC LANGUAGES MINOR

PREREQUISITES

Must complete through Elementary Language II to begin minor coursework.

INTERMEDIATE LANGUAGE I

- ARAB 210, KISW 210, HAIT 230, WOLO 210

INTERMEDIATE LANGUAGE II

- ARAB 220, KISW 220, HAIT 240, WOLO 220

ADVANCED LANGUAGE I

- ARAB 310, KISW 310, HAIT 350, WOLO 310

ADVANCED LANGUAGE II

- ARAB 320, KISW 320, HAIT 360, WOLO 320

ELECTIVES: (COMPLETE TWO)

- Complete two additional AAAS 300+ courses, or additional language courses (ARAB 401 & 402, KISW 401, 402, or 410, HAIT 497 & 500; WOLO 401, 402 or 420)

HOURS/GPA REQUIREMENTS

- 18 Hours
- 12 must be JRSR hours/9 must be in-residence
- 2.00 minor GPA required of graduation

Currently AAAS doesn't offer advance courses in Amharic or Somali, therefore they are not included in the minor.

Through scholarship, teaching, campus and community service, and public programming, AAAS reflects intellectual and pedagogical practices that recognize the complexity and multiplicity of human experiences; promote critical thinking and creative problem-solving; and expand our understanding of citizenship in a rapid changing multicultural, global society.

On the undergraduate level AAAS offers the BA, BGS, and two undergraduate minors . On the graduate level AAAS has two MA degrees, and two graduate certificates.

WHY ENROLL IN A AAAS LANGUAGE COURSE?

- Classes are small
- Learning is collaborative
- Culture & history are integrated into the curriculum
- Fulfill foreign language requirement
- Earn a minor in African & African Diasporic Languages
- Opportunities to study abroad
- Be eligible to win a prestigious Foreign Language & Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship
- Engage in extracurricular activities including, language tables, African food & film festivals, Arab Dance Night, & the African Language Festival

ENROLL TODAY!

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