

Wolof

African & African Diasporic Languages

Wolof at KU

The Department of African and African American Studies at the University of Kansas offers four level courses in Wolof. The first year introduces learners to the geography of the Wolof speaking area, society, and culture with an emphasis on some essential elements of Wolof linguistic and communicational competences. This course is especially appropriate for students planning to travel to Senegal. Learners at this level are exposed to more developed Wolof language structures (aiming the acquisition of higher linguistic, lexical, aural, and oral skills) through a progressive and practical study of cultural and literary themes. The intermediate level focuses on culturally contextualizing Wolof grammatical and communicative skills, hence the course's emphasis on advanced Wolof speaking, listening, reading and writing skills.

COURSES OFFERED:

WOLO 110/120 Elementary Wolof

WOLO 210/220 Intermediate Wolof

WOLO 310/320 Advanced Wolof

WOLO 401/402 Readings in Wolof

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

WHY STUDY WOLOF

Wolof is a West African language spoken mainly in Senegal, Gambia and southern Mauritania. The language has influenced the societies and economies of West Africans, and it has emerged through trade as a lingua franca also used in parts of Guinea, Guinea-Bissau and Mali. Wolof is known internationally through the popular work of acclaimed musicians and filmmakers. There are over 10 million speakers of Wolof in West Africa, France, the U.S., and other parts of the world.

Studying Wolof at the University of Kansas prepares you for careers in developmental practices, humanitarian services, language learning and education, translation and interpretation, travel, business or diplomatic career in Africa.

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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!

Contact AAAS <afs@ku.edu>

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