

AFRICAN FLAGSHIP LANGUAGES INITIATIVE (AFLI)

AKA 1130 SECTION 7C16 Beginning Akan 1

AFLI 2023

Periods: 1-4 / 8:45 – 1:30

Location: TBA

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Course Description/Objectives

This is an introductory language course designed to help students develop basic Akan communicative skills (speaking, listening, reading, and writing). By the end of the semester students should be able to, among others, (1) greet each other (2) introduce themselves and ask about others (3) talk about themselves, their families, and friends.

Course Requirements

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| Attendance and class participation | 10% |
| Out of class activities (Home stay, Excursions) | 10% |
| Dictation | 5% |
| Daily Homework | 15% |
| Writing Assignments (composition and Journal) | 10% |
| Weekly tests | 20% |
| First semester final exams | 30% |

Grading Scale

95-100 (A); 90-94 (A-); 87-89 (B+); 83-86 (B); 80-82 (B-); 77-79 (C+); 73-76 (C); 70-72 (C-); 67-69 (D+); 63-66 (D); 60-62 (D-); 59 or below (E)

Tentative schedule

| Week/nnaawɔtwe | Days/nna | Online and in-class activities |
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| Week 1 | 06/5 | Initial Social Interactions The Akan people and Language (P5) Manhyia palace museum Classroom expressions (P6) Classroom objects and simple commands Greetings and farewell (P11-18) |
| | 06/6 | Telling your name, where you come from, live etc. (P42-46;52-75; (170-180) wɔ vrs nni Asking anaa and he questions (P181-193) Day names (P59-75) |
| | 06/7 | Test 1 (Written 20% and Oral 80%) Introducing others (P76-94 Numbers 1 (96-97) |
| | 06/8 | Numbers 2 (98-110) Family and Relations Family (Akan Book 2 , P9-22) Kinship terms and plural (Akan Book 1, P194-213) |
| | 06/9 | Relations (23-30) Descriptions (P32-40) House descriptions |
| Week 2 | 06/12 | Time and Seasons Spending Days/weeks/months and years (Akan Book 1, P 111-115) Things we do in the morning (P128-138) Past events (P140-148) |
| | 06/13 | Future events (P149-155) The Perfect Tense (P156-164) The use of Mereba, mereko aba |
| | 06/14 | Week 2 Test (Written 20% and Oral 80%) Telling the time 1 (P64-66) |
| | 06/15 | Telling the time 2 (P67-72) Day time expressions (P73-80) Months in Akan (P81-88) |

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| | | Making Appointments |
| | 06/16 | Food and Leisure Preparing food Ordering food Going to the restaurant |
| Week 3 | 06/19 | AFRICA EATS NIGHT |
| | 06/20 | A visit to the zoo Animal names (Akan Book 2, P208-215) Like and dislike (Akan Book 2, 52-61) |
| | 06/21 | Week 3 Test (Written 20% and Oral 80%) Movie time |
| | 06/22 | Transportation and Communication Forms of Transportation Travelling within town |
| | 06/23 | Giving Direction (Akan Book 2, P109-118) |
| Week 4 | 06/26 | Talking on phone Sending email address Texting and social media |
| | 06/27 | Clothing |
| | 06/28 | Revision |
| | 06/29 | Revision |
| | 06/30 | First semester examination (Written 20% and Oral 80%) |

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Semester 2

Tentative schedule

| Week/nnaawotwe | Days/nna | Online and in class activities |
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| Week 5 | 07/03 | Going to the market Bargaining (Akan book 2, Page 151-175) |
| | 07/04 | Bargaining 2 Different types of clothing (P: 218-233) |

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| | 07/05 | Having a dress made (P: 234-243) Fashion |
| | 07/06 | Party-related expressions (P: 244-257) Beach-related expressions (P: 270-275) |
| | 07/7 | Week 5 Test Students' own activities |
| Week 6 | 07/10 | The human body (P: 177-180) Functions of the body parts A visit to the doctor |
| | 07/11 | Diseases and illnesses (P: 181-193) Disabilities and chronic ailments (P: 204-215) |
| | 07/12 | Asking questions (P: 120-150) |
| | 07/13 | Using de and ne (P: 258-269) |
| | 07/14 | Week 6 test Students' own activities |
| Week 7 | 07/17 | Locating people and objects (P: 98-108) |
| | 07/18 | Education Professions and careers |
| | 07/19 | Passage reading |
| | 07/20 | Revision |
| | 07/21 | Week 7 Test |
| Week 8 | 07/24 | Revision |
| | 07/25 | Revision |
| | 07/26 | Revision |
| | 07/27 | Revision |
| | 07/28 | Second semester exam |

Each lesson comes with practice exercises which students need to complete and submit to the electronic website on the due date (late submission will not be accepted).

Conversational Project

Students will be paired and asked to prepare and study a short dialogue which they will act out in class.

Final Exams

The final exam for the first semester will be based on lessons from modules 1 through 6

Academic Integrity:

Please help contribute to an atmosphere of academic integrity by reviewing the Academic Honesty Guidelines for the University of Florida (<http://www.aa.ufl.edu/aa/Rules/4017.htm>). Note that cheating is defined as improper use of information or material that will be used to determine your grade. This includes not only using other people's work without giving appropriate credit. It also includes giving your work to another student to be used or copied. Please take particular care to give credit to other people's work by using proper citation regardless of whether the information is oral or written, published or unpublished, copyrighted or not copyrighted.

Special Notes:

If you would benefit from any special classroom accommodations because of a temporary or permanent disability, please discuss this with the instructor as soon as possible. The University of Florida requires that students who request classroom accommodation register with the Dean of Student Office (P202 Peabody Hall, 392-1261). The Dean of Student office will provide documentation that the student must then give to the instructor. Please be aware that students can also access counseling and consultation services at the University of Florida Counseling Center when facing personal, academic, or career challenges ([.http://www.counsel.ufl.edu/](http://www.counsel.ufl.edu/), 392-1575).