ST. LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY (KSP)

SWAHILI COURSE SYLABUS

LEVEL 1, 2, 3 & 4

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BRIEF HISTORY

Swahili Language is widely spoken in East Africa especially in Tanzania and Kenya. During Idi Amin’s deadly regime in Uganda, the language was used by solders in a very hostile manner that reflected poorly on Ugandans; however after a long-stretched civil war, the natives started gaining confidence in Swahili. To date, the language has had a great impact economically, politically and socially making it one of the most spoken languages in Africa.

KSP Swahili Semester is a unique Semester that entails students undergoing a three week home stay with locals, adequate time to learn, study, travel in Kenya etc. Swahili intensive course is well organized and molds the students exquisitely within a stipulated timeframe. This is a great advantage for KSP students whose performance is always brilliant.

LEVEL 101

OBJECTIVE - LISTENING, READING, SPEAKING AND WRITING

To enable students to proficiently use Swahili to exchange greetings both in and out of class, introduce themselves, talk about their nuclear families, order meals in Swahili at the restaurant, ask questions in Swahili, purchase items in Swahili, ask for directions, tell Swahili time, days of the week, months etc. The students will also meet with the locals, practice, share their experience while in the country and finally sit for Swahili Exam at the end of the Semester.

Recommended books for this Level:

- Swahili Home Work, Swahili grammar chart
- PM Wilson Grammar bk, Tuseme Kiswahili.
- Watch Swahili intro classes - Youtube
- Ndalegwa Amisi, you tube- listen to Swahili songs, Churchill videos

Topics to cover - Level 101

1. Greetings and introduction
LEVEL 102

This level is for students who have successfully gone through Level 101

Students are expected to use more vocabulary that should enable them communicate with the locals with ease.

The students will undergo a thorough review of topics covered in Level 101 during orientation week in Nairobi. They will be assessed on speaking; reading, comprehension, and writing as well that will determine the way forward on their syllabus.

Objective

By the end of the semester, students are expected be able to apply Swahili fluently - Use grammatical phrases effectively and be able to communicate on different topics concerning their life in the past, present and future.

Recommended books:

- Swahili Home Work bk, Swahili grammar chart
- PM Wilson Grammar bk, Tuseme Kiswahili
- Masomo ya Kiswahili 1B
Topics to cover Level 102

1. Kuwa, all forms, ka tense, adjectives,
2. Directions, subject prefixes
3. Body parts (main)
4. Amba- relative clothing, colors, - , subject prefixes
5. Object infixes
6. Conditional tenses nge/ngali, Ki, Ki continuous
7. Derivatives (passives, reciprocals and prepositional)
8. Weather
9. Confirmation phrases/ emphatic (NDI)
10. Ote and O-Ote
11. Useful phrases
   - Review
   - Final exams

LEVEL 103 & 104

Students will undergo a thorough review in Level 1 and 2 topics as an entry point, to determine their capability to speak, debate, read, write, and comprehend Swahili.
Objective

At the end of the semester, students are expected to be able to speak Swahili fluently, talk about the weather, listen to Swahili radio, follow discussions in a “matatu”, market and interact with locals.

Recommended books:

- Swahili homework bk, Swahili grammar chart
- PM Wilson Grammar bk read
- Tuseme Kiswahili,
- Watch Swahili intro classes You tube- Ndalegwa Amisi,
- Swahili songs, ntv, ktn Swahili news/ videos.

Topics to cover- 103 and 104

1 All the noun classes
2 All Linking articles, adjectives
3 All Demonstratives
4 All Possessive pronouns, subject prefixes.
5 All Object infixes
6 All derivatives
7 All adverbs
8 Main Swahili sayings
9 Idioms
10 Subjunctives

Review

Final Exam
SLU KSP SWAHILI COURSE GUIDELINE

 METHODOLOGY

The direct method shall be used throughout the course rather than the translation method; visual aid and gestures will be used to supplement the teaching process. Students will also be required to watch and listen to Swahili online videos to boost their vocabulary.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Class attendance is mandatory and will contribute to a student’s overall grade. Reasons for missing classes should be substantiated. All assignments and quizzes should be handed in, on time.

Absenteeism for more than two sessions shall lead to a penalty of 3% deduction from the student’s grade.

Punctuality is paramount, no excuses.

Students are expected to use biros/ ink pen during Exams.

DURATION

Classes shall be a sum total of 66 hours; spanning a period of six weeks.

GRADING

Students will be tested and graded in the following areas:

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GRADE POINT AVERAGE SYSTEM

0     = Fail
1 < 2 = Lowest passing grade
2 < 3 = Satisfactory
3 < 4 = Good=
4     = Excellent

Students will receive their Swahili Final Grade through KSP academic director.

EXAMS;

Written

The course coordinator shall inform students in advance exam dates and the areas they will be tested upon. There will be two major tests; a mid-course and end-course test.

Oral

Oral tests will be administered during the mid-course and end course tests. Students will be handed a list of topics to choose from and talk about in advance. This may be done in a group (not exceeding three people) or individually.

Students may also come up with their own topics but have to inform examiners a week in advance.

A group of three shall be expected to make a presentation - at least 21 minutes long; 14 minutes for two and 7 minutes for an individual.
Class participation

The students will be graded thrice in a week. The students are obliged to be always alert since this will be a surprise assessment. Full marks in class participation shall be attained through:

- Answering questions correctly in fluent Swahili
- Voluntary answering of questions
- Asking questions in Swahili
- Self-motivation to use Swahili all the time
- Homework

Assignments shall be given after every topic—at least thrice a week. Graded homework must be returned in the morning before the next lesson begins. Late homework will not be accepted.

Absence shall not be accepted as a reason for not handing in homework. Copying and (or) plagiarism will be severely penalized.

Marking

Answering a question as per the instructions shall earn students a full mark or \( \frac{3}{4} \); \( \frac{1}{2} \); \( \frac{1}{4} \)

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