

JOHNS HOPKINS: LANGUAGE TEACHING CENTER

COURSE SYLLABUS

KISWAHILI 379.151 (3 CREDITS) Fall 2009

379.151- Beginning Kiswahili I

This introductory course presents some of the basic grammatical, phonological, and sociological elements of the Kiswahili language. Students are exposed to different facets of the cultures of eastern Africa (especially Tanzanian and Kenyan). The focus in the course is on vocabulary, which is developed through the use of pictures, dialogues, question and answer exercises, audio and/or video tapes. 3 credits

General Information

Days and Time: **Tuesday & Thursday: 10:30-11:45am**

Classroom: **Maryland 104**

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Main Text

Russell Joan, Teach Yourself Swahili, Chicago IL. 2003

Course Description

This course places emphasis on conversational skills as well as reading, writing and composition skills. It includes analyses of the culture, history and social aspects of this linguistic group. Resources in the Language lab are incorporated in the course.

Course Objective

To impart skills in Swahili grammar, culture, reading, speaking, listening and writing.

Class Policy

Participants must attend all classes. Only genuine written excuses will be considered if one is unable to attend.

Punctuality is expected, 10 minutes lateness will count as an absence.

Assignments are due on the date stated

Laboratory attendance is mandatory (see lab regulations for further information)

ETHICS: The strength of the University depends on academic and personal integrity. In this course, you must be honest and truthful. Ethical violations include cheating on exams, plagiarism, reuse of assignments, improper use of internet and electronic devices, unauthorized collaboration, alteration of graded assignments, forgery and falsification, lying, facilitating academic dishonesty, and unfair competition. Report any violations you witness to the instructor. You may consult the associate dean of student affairs and /or the chairman of the Ethics Board beforehand. See the guide on "Academic Ethics for

Undergraduates” and the Ethics Board website (<http://ethics.jhu.edu>) for more information

Examinations

Schedule of Tests will be announced in advance. No final exam in this class.

Grading:

Attendance	15%
Class participation	20%
Homework and written Assignments	20%
Lab work	20%
Spelling test	05%
Quizzes	10%
Dialogues	10%

90-100 = A, 80-89 = B, 70-79 = C, 50-69 = F

Testing techniques

Fill in the blanks
Sentence construction
Translations
Writing
Spoken language

Course outline: (may be changed to accommodate class needs)

Journals are due every Tuesday

Thursday 9/3

pgs vii - xviii

- ❖ introduction of the Kiswahili language. Discussion of its origins, development and the Swahili culture.
- ❖ Pronunciation: vowels, consonants, digraphs, double vowels, “m”, loan words.
- ❖ Greetings, sentence formation pg2 ,5

Kazi ya nyumbani kurasa za 2-12, 79 & 98

Tuesday 9/8

- ❖ *Maneno ya wiki*
- ❖ noun classes: an overview
- ❖ ngeli ya KI/VI, ‘of’, possessives, subject pronouns, noun-prefixes (Kibaya-Vibaya, cheusi-vyeusi)
- ❖ ‘kwa’ – its various uses (*a mention*)
- ❖ Days of the week pg 98, Months of the year pg 79,

Kazi ya nyumbani kurasa za 6-8, 15, 7, 38, 23

Thursday 9/10 *maabara* : introduction to the language lab.

- Listen and transcribe Unit 1 dialogue 1,2,3
- Audacity: introduction

Tuesday 9/15

- Ngeli ya M/MW, ‘of’, possessives, subject pronouns, noun-prefixes (mbaya-wabaya, mweusi-weusi)
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- ❖ Tenses pg 7, 38, 23

Kazi ya nyumbani kurasa: 15, 45, 22

Thursday 9/17 *maabara* :

- Listen and transcribe Unit 2 dialogue 1
- Record conversation on audacity: Familia yangu

Tuesday 9/22

- ❖ Ngeli ya N, ‘of’, possessives, subject pronouns, noun-prefixes (baya-baya, nyeusi-nyeusi; nyeusi weusi, mbaya, wabaya)



❖ Personal pronouns ukurasa: 45

❖ Numbers ukurasa: 22

Kazi ya nyumbani kurasa: 71, 54, 9

Thursday 9/24

mtihani wa kwanza

Tuesday 9/29

❖ Ngeli ya M/MI, 'of', possessives, subject pronouns, noun-prefixes (mbaya-mibaya, mweusi-mjeusi)

❖ Countries, nationalities ukurasa: 9

Kazi ya nyumbani ukurasa: 54

Thursday 10/1

oral presentation topics due

maabara :

- Listen and transcribe Unit 2 dialogue 2
- Record conversation on audacity: **Rafiki yangu**

Tuesday 10/6

❖ Ngeli ya J/MA, 'of', possessives, subject pronouns, noun-prefixes (baya-mabaya, jeusi-meusi,

❖ Time kurasa: 90-92

Kazi ya nyumbani ukurasa: 123

Thursday 10/8

maabara :

- Listen and transcribe Unit 2 dialogue 3
- Record conversation on audacity: Likizo Iliyopita

Tuesday 10/13

❖ Ngeli ya KU (infinitives) 'of', possessives, subject pronouns,

❖ Money ukurasa: 21

Kazi ya nyumbani kurasa: 9, 92-4

Thursday 10/15

mtihani wa pili

Tuesday 10/20

❖ Ngeli ya U , ‘of’, possessives, subject pronouns, noun-prefixes (baya-baya, nyeusi-nyeusi,

❖ Possessives: ukurasa: 35

Kazi ya nyumbani ukurasa:107

Thursday 10/22

maabara :

- Listen and transcribe Unit 3 dialogue 1
- Record conversation on audacity: **Chuo chetu**

Tuesday 10/27

❖ Ngeli ya KU, PA, MA, ‘of’, possessives, subject pronouns + ‘ote” - all

❖ Affirmative, Verb-prefixes ukurasa: 8

Kazi ya nyumbani kurasa: 73, 94, 119, 135, 165-7

Thursday 10/29 *maabara :*

- Listen and transcribe Unit 3 dialogue 2
- Record conversation on audacity: **Bweni langu**

Tuesday 11/03

❖ Demonstratives

Kazi ya nyumbani kurasa: 23-4

Thursday 11/05

mtihani wa tatu

rough draft of oral presentation due

Tuesday 11/10

Discuss LTC newsletter article

❖ Negatives

Thursday 11/12

maabara :

- Listen and transcribe Unit 3 dialogue 3
- Record conversation on audacity: **Safari niliyofurahia zaidi**

Tuesday 11/17

Review

Thursday 11/19 *maabara* :

- Listen and transcribe Unit 4 dialogue 1
- Record conversation on audacity: **siku kuu ijavo**

Tuesday 11/24-26

Thanksgiving

Tuesday 12/1

mtihani wa nne

Thursday 12/3

oral presentations