

UCLA – International Institute
IA STD M6A / AF AMER M9A -
ELEMENTARY AMHARIC - Level 1:

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Fall 2020: Course Syllabus - የኮርስ መምሪያ

Class Schedule / Location: የትምህርት ቀንና ጊዜ:

T - 10:00am – 12:20 pm Online

Th - 10:00am – 12:20 pm Online

Zoom Meeting Link: <https://ucla.zoom.us/j/435355670>

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I. Course Overview: Level 1 – የኮርስ መግቢያ - አንደኛ ደረጃ

Amharic is the national language of Ethiopia, spoken by over 22 million people and many millions more Ethiopians and others around the world. The Beginning Amharic course provides basic skills in conversation, reading and writing in Amharic. The course utilizes communicative and immersive language learning method where minimal English is used in the classroom.

Students will learn to read and write using the Geez alphabet, and practice applied linguistics using relational conversations relating to daily social activities pertaining to personal and family activities, hospitality, business, education and other relevant routine discussion topics as they immerse themselves into the Amharic language.

II. Course Learning Objectives: Level 1 - የኮርሱ የትምህርት ዓላማዎች: አንደኛ ደረጃ

The primary objective of the Elementary Amharic course is to enable students develop basic conversation, reading and writing skills that will enable them engage with other Amharic speakers in their communities. By means of the language learning, students will also gain fundamental understanding of the social and culture environments that will enable them to engage in education activities and become productive members of the society. At the end of the course students will develop basic language skills that will enable them to converse, read and write at basic levels and engage in community service.

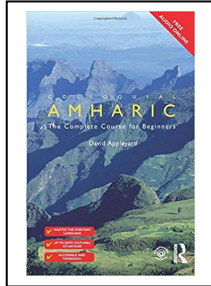
III. Student Learning Outcomes Level 1 - ለትምህርት ዓላማዎች የትምህርት ውጤት: አንደኛ ደረጃ

After completing the course students should be able to:

- Read and write basic Amharic using the Geez script in digital, and manual formats
- Understand basic sentence structures, vocabulary and grammar of the Amharic language
- Carry out basic conversations for engaging in relevant daily social activities
- Utilize their acquired language skills to engage in community service
- Apply the acquired language skills to further academic studies to further personal educational advancement and social engagement

IV. Course Resources: Level 1 - የኮርስ የትምህርት ድጋፍ / ምንጮች: አንደኛ ደረጃ

- Text:** Colloquial Amharic: A Teaching Manual.
Author: David Appleyard
Publisher: Routledge
ISBN: Paperback: 9781138949621 (Pub: 2015-07-01)
eBook (VitalSource) : 9781315650364 (Pub: 2015-08-14)



- Software:** Geez Word Amharic
Publisher: Geezsoft / Phonetic Systems
Author: Yemane Russom
Download site: https://geezsoft.com/?page_id=1682

3. Online Resources - ቤአንተርነት ያሉ የመማር ደጋፊዎች:

- AmharicTeacher.com: <https://amharicteacher.com/lessons/>
Omniglot Amharic Learning site: <https://www.omniglot.com/writing/amharic.htm>
Learn 101 = Amharic Lessons: <http://learn101.org/amharic.php>
Amharic – English Dictionary: <https://dictionary.abbyssinica.com/>
Lexilogos Geez/Amharic Keyboard: <https://www.lexilogos.com/keyboard/amharic.htm>
Amharic-English Translation: <https://translate.google.com/#en/am/me>

V. Course Grading Method - የፈተናዎች ማረም ዘዴ

Grading Structure		
Grading Category	Points	Percentage (%)
Class Participation / Attendance	500	50%
Weekly Assignments	200	20%
Mid-term Exam Written and Presentation	100	10%
Final Exam	200	20%

Final Grade Distribution:

Letter Grade	Percentage
A	90 – 100
B	80 – 89
C	70 – 79
D	60 – 69
F	< 60

V. Class Participation / Attendance Expectations - ከተማሪዎች የሚጠበቅ መሳተፍና ውይይት 50%

Reading, writing, speaking, active class participation and discussion are the core component of the course. Regular attendance and punctuality is a requirement. Attendance grade will be zero for any day of class missed since there won't be any criteria for evaluating your class performance for that day. If you must miss class, it is your responsibility to notify your instructor and find out what you missed. Classes are structured to be interactive, intended to model real world scenario conversations and applied communications. Class activities may involve presentations and demonstrations of real-world situations that people experience on a regular basis. As an immersive language class, it is expected and highly recommended that in class students carry out conversations and formal discussions in Amharic only.

VI. Weekly Assignments - ሳምንታዊ ስራዎች: (20%)

Every week students are assigned to work on hand-writing, reading and speaking assignments based on the weekly activities and levels of engagements. Assignment levels and scope include writing alphabets, words and sentences consisting that will allow students to engage in Amharic language conversation.

VII. Midterm Exam - ያጋማሽ ፈተና (10%)

Midterm Exam consists of the concepts and activities covered in Weeks 1 – 4 and compiling and editing the weekly deliverables to tell a story about the students' activities and learning interests.

VIII. Final Exam - የመጨረሻ ፈተና: (20%)

The Final Exam consists of the interactions, concepts and activities covered in Weeks 6 – 9 and compiling and editing the weekly deliverables to tell a story about the students' activities and educational goals.

IX. Academic Integrity - አካዴሚያዊ ታማኝነት

Students are expected to ensure that course work (homework, quizzes, exams, and papers) is original and authentic, demonstrating personal academic efforts. Any form of plagiarism will result in significant penalty and an automatic zero (0) in the particular assignment.

Course Schedule and Assignments:

Course Text:

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Course Schedule			
Week / Date	Topic	Class Activities	Assignments / Exams
Week 1 10/01	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Course Overview Lessons 1: Basic Greetings - ሰላምታ Basics of Geez / Amharic Alphabets መሠረታዊ የአማርኛ ፊደልና ቃላት 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Course Overview: Introductions, Basic Reading and Writing 	Lesson 1 - Dialogue 1: Deliverables: - Handwriting - Printout - Audio file
Week 2 10/6, 10/8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lessons 2: Basic Conversations – School Interactions: - Vocabularies መሠረታዊ በትምህርት ቤት ውይይት 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Basic Conversation: Personal Introductions Reading / Writing Geez Alphabets 	Lesson 2 - Dialogue 1: Deliverables: - Handwriting - Printout - Audio file
Week 3 10/13, 10/15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lessons 3: Meeting with Friends: Coincidence/Appointment ከጓደኞች ጋር መገናኘት 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conversations: Verbs, Nouns, Adjectives Reading / Writing Geez Alphabets 	Lesson 3 - Dialogue 1: Deliverables: - Handwriting - Printout - Audio file
Week 4 10/20, 10/22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lessons 4: Market Conversation: Shopping Experience ወደ ገበያ መሄድ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conversations: Verbs, Nouns, Adjectives Reading / Writing Geez Alphabets 	Lesson 4 - Dialogue 1: Deliverables: - Handwriting - Printout - Audio file
Week 5 10/27, 10/29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review Lessons 1 – 4 ክለሳ - አጋማሽ ፈተና 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Basic Conversation: Readings Writing Geez words 	Midterm Exam / Presentation
Week 6 11/3, 11/5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lesson 5: Phone Conversation – Greetings & Interactions – Trips የስልክ ንግግር 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conversation: Phone Introduction, Greetings, etc... 	Lesson 5 - Dialogue 1: Deliverables: - Handwriting - Printout - Audio file
Week 7 11/10, 11/12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lesson 6: Conversation – Travel Plans የጉዞ ንግግር 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conversation: Travel Planning Reading & Writing words and phrases 	Lesson 6 - Dialogue 1: Deliverables: - Handwriting - Printout - Audio file

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Week 8 11/17, 11/19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lesson 7: Letters. ጽሑፍ, መጻፍና ማንበብ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conversations, Reading and Writing Letters 	Lesson 7 - Dialog 1: Deliverables: - Handwriting - Printout - Audio file
Week 9 11/24,	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lesson 8: Conversation – Tourism and excursion ቱሪዝም እና ሽርሽር 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conversation: Tourism 	Lesson 8 - Dialog 1: Deliverables: - Handwriting - Printout - Audio file
Week 10 12/1, 12/3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lesson 9: Restaurant Conversations ምግብ ቤት ውይይት 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conversation: Dining Conversations 	Lesson 9 - Dialog 1: Deliverables: - Handwriting - Printout - Audio file
Finals Week 12/10	የመጨረሻ ፈተና		Final Exam / Presentation የመጨረሻ ፈተና