Course Specifications
Valid as from the academic year 2018-2019

Swahili III (A005300)

Course

Credits 5.0 Study time 150 h Contact hrs 45.0 h

Course offerings in academic year 2018-2019
A (semester 1) Dutch, English

Lecturers in academic year 2018-2019
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Offered in the following programmes in 2018-2019

Bachelor of Arts in African Languages and Cultures 5 A
Exchange Programme African Languages and Cultures 5 A

Teaching languages
Dutch, English

Keywords
Swahili, Bantu, East-Africa

Position of the course
This course is a follow-up of Swahili II and aims at enhancing and applying the already acquired vocabulary and grammatical knowledge of the language. The abilities of the students to read, understand, speak and write are further improved. The students get an insight in different elements of Swahili language and culture in past and present times.

Contents
The course is based on a selective corpus of Swahili texts. This practical reader contains texts touching upon different aspects of Swahili culture. Through Swahili language students familiarize themselves with Swahili culture. Themes that will come across are 1) the early history of Swahili along the East African coast, 2) the spread of Swahili as a lingua franca in Eastern Africa, 3) Swahili music from Taarab to Bongo Flava, 4) Swahili film. The students prepare the texts or audiovisual fragments at home and during the seminars and practicals the contents are discussed in Swahili and the students make excercises on grammar and vocabulary.

Initial competences
Having successfully followed the Swahili II course or having acquired elsewhere the skills transferred through that course.

Final competences
1 The objectives of this course correspond to the following general objectives of the Bachelor in African languages and cultures:
   B.1.1. Acquire insights into African linguistics
   B.1.2 Command the grammatical structure of Swahili and Lingála and develop an elementary oral fluency in both languages as a generative basis to acquire active competence in those and other Bantu languages.
2 In terms of language acquisition, reaching level A2+ of the common European Framework of Reference for Languages. The student can understand sentences and frequently used expressions related to areas of immediate relevance. He/She can communicate in simple and routine tasks requiring a simple and direct exchange of information on familiar and routine matters. He/She can describe in simple terms aspects of his/her background, immediate environment and matters in areas of immediate need.
3 As for linguistics, acquiring a scientific understanding of Swahili grammar.
4 Acquire an understanding of the link between Swahili language and culture. Realize

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that one does not always imply the other.

Conditions for credit contract
Access to this course unit via a credit contract is determined after successful competences assessment

Conditions for exam contract
This course unit cannot be taken via an exam contract

Teaching methods
Guided self-study, practicum, seminar

Extra information on the teaching methods
Weekly seminar by the titular; weekly practicals by the teaching assistant; accompanied self study (weekly exercises at home); intermediary test. Facilities are provided for students who do not speak Dutch. Students who miss more than 20% of the practicals without legitimate justification can no longer participate in the examination. Participation in the writing exercises is also compulsory.

Learning materials and price
Reader with Swahili texts.

References

Course content-related study coaching

Evaluation methods
end-of-term evaluation

Examination methods in case of periodic evaluation during the first examination period
Written examination, oral examination

Examination methods in case of periodic evaluation during the second examination period
Written examination, oral examination

Examination methods in case of permanent evaluation

Possibilities of retake in case of permanent evaluation
not applicable

Extra information on the examination methods
The written and oral exam take place successively. The students first pass the written exam simultaneously and then individually the oral exam. Students who miss more than 20% of the practicals without legitimate justification can no longer participate in the examination.

Calculation of the examination mark
100% periodic evaluation: written exam (60%) and oral exam (40%). Students who do not participate in (one of the parts of) the assessment, or have a score lower than 10/20 for one of the parts, automatically fail the entire course. End scores higher than 10/20 will, in this case, be reduced to the highest non-passing score.

Facilities for Working Students
1. Student attendance is compulsory.
2. Possible rescheduling of the examination to a different time in the same academic year
3. Feedback can be given by email, telephone or during an appointment during or after office hours
Extra information:
It needs to pointed out that acquiring a new language without attending the course is not obvious. This is especially so for the practice sessions.
For more information concerning flexible learning: contact the monitoring service of the faculty of Arts and philosophy

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