The Ohio State University  
College of Arts and Sciences  

Swahili Language and Culture Minor

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The Swahili minor provides students the opportunity to study language, history, literature, and culture of Swahili speaking peoples of Eastern Africa.

The minor in Swahili consists of 15 hours of pre-requisite courses and 15 hours of course work beyond the pre-requisites. The purpose of the pre-requisites is to give students a basis in the language and culture upon which to build an understanding of the Swahili speaking world that is no longer limited to its cradle on the Swahili coast.

The selection of courses by students needs to be made with the counsel of an academic advisor. Students should be aware that not all of the courses that are available for the Swahili minor are offered every semester or year; thus early and careful planning is advised.

The Swahili Language and Culture Minor will be 15 credit hours, as follows:

**Pre-requisites:** 15 credit hours  
Elementary Swahili 1101-1103: 12 credit hours  
African Civilizations (AAAS 1121 or AAAS 1122): 3 credit hours

**Core Course Requirement:** 3 credit hours  
AAAS 3310 Global Perspective on the African Diaspora

**African Language Courses:** 9 credit hours  
Intermediate Swahili 2201 (3)  
Intermediate Swahili 2241 (3)  
Intermediate Swahili 3301 (3)

**Additional 4000 or 5000 level course:** 3 credit hours (In language, literature, or culture chosen from the list below)

Advanced Swahili 4401 (3)  
Advanced Swahili 4402 (3)  
Swahili Literature I 4452 (3)  
Swahili Literature II 4453 (3)  
AAAS 5458H: Literature and the African Experience (3)  
AAAS 5485.01: Southern African society and culture (3)  
AAAS 5485.02: West African society and culture (3)

**TOTAL:** 15 credit hours

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**Swahili Language and Culture minor program guidelines**

**Required for graduation**  
No

**Credit hours required**  
A minimum of 15 credit hrs. 1000 level courses shall not be counted toward the 15 credit hr minimum.

**Transfer credit hours allowed**  
At least half of the credits counting toward the minor must be earned in regular OSU coursework.

**Overlap with the GE**  
Permitted, no more than 6 credit hours.

**Overlap with the major and additional minor(s)**

- The minor must be in a different subject than the major.
- The minor must contain a minimum of 12 hours distinct from the major and/or additional minor(s).

**Grades required**

- Minimum C- for a course to be counted on the minor.
- Minimum 2.00 cumulative point-hour ratio required for the minor.
- Course work graded Pass/Non-Pass cannot count on the minor.
- No more than 3 credit hours of course graded Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory may count toward the minor.

**Minor Approval**  
The minor course work must be approved by the academic unit offering the minor.

**Filing the minor program form**  
The minor program form must be filed at least by the time the graduation application is submitted to a college/school counselor.

**Changing the minor**  
Once the minor program is filed in the college office, any changes must be approved by the academic unit offering the minor.