

Swahili

Overview

Website: sewanee.edu/academics/swahili/

The University offers courses in Swahili as part of the Mellon Global Fund. Swahili is spoken all over East Africa.

Language Laboratory

The E.L. Kellerman Language Resource Center provides an opportunity for students in the modern foreign languages to immerse themselves in the sounds and culture of their target language. The facility features a state of the art Sanako Lab 100 system for practice with listening and speaking; a Satellite TV with stations in Chinese, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Russian, and Spanish; wireless Apple Macbooks which can be checked out; a Symposium for multimedia displays; and a cozy reading and viewing lounge with a library of foreign language books, magazines, and videos. Students can also access subscriptions to web-based language learning programs for reinforcing what is being taught in class as well as for learning languages not currently taught at the University. There is also Rosetta Stone software for Arabic, French, German, Hebrew, Hindi, Irish, Italian, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, Swahili, Swedish, Thai, and Turkish. Faculty and students alike take advantage of the language center's audio- and video-editing equipment and analog-to-digital-conversion facilities in preparing engaging presentations for class. The Language Resource Center is open weekdays from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. except for Fridays when it closes at 4 p.m. and then reopens Sunday from 3 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Faculty

Instructor Wairungu

Courses

Swahili Courses

SWAH 103 Elementary Swahili I (4)

This course introduces students to Swahili language and culture. It also equips students with necessary skills in the broader areas of communication—i.e., listening, speaking, reading and writing. Students learn standard Swahili, but the instructor also creates an awareness of the existence of other varieties of Swahili.

SWAH 104 Elementary Swahili II (4)

This is the second part of a three-semester sequence of Swahili language and culture. The course is designed to reinforce the acquisition of basic conversational Swahili through activities that enhance the four communicative skills (speaking, writing, listening and reading) that were started in the previous semester. The course also aims to broaden students' understanding of basic Swahili grammatical structures and to provide cultural insights about the people of East Africa. *Prerequisite: SWAH 103 or placement.*

SWAH 203 Intermediate Swahili (4)

This course focuses on polishing and enhancing student comprehension and communicative skills which were acquired in introductory Swahili. Emphasis is on the productive and receptive skills of speaking and listening, mainly through conversation practice and reporting events in Swahili. *Prerequisite: SWAH 104.*