

East African Language and Culture - Standard Kiswahili



Description

Join a semester-long adventure across the ocean and time to visit East African language cultures and learn the foundations of the standard Kiswahili language and culture. We will learn basic Swahili from greetings to the skills to carry a simple conversation. Learning East African culture from East African Swahili people will equip students not only to converse better in Kiswahili but also to appreciate the cultural richness. We will explore the past and present: arts, music, literature, traditions, holidays, history, and people. We will listen to music, watch East African traditional dancing, and enjoy parts from East African movies.

Throughout the asynchronous course with the weekly synchronous sessions, students will be introduced to the richness of Central Eastern African culture and language. They will communicate in basic Kiswahili, discuss their own perspectives about East African countries, and compare and analyze the differences and similarities between English and Kiswahili languages, and American cultures.

Prerequisites: None

Course Objectives:

- Explore Swahili culture, traditions, and people.
- Introduce students to the basic Standard Kiswahili language.
- To examine interest in continuing learning Kiswahili further.

Course focus:

Kiswahili language and people: most attention.

Speaking and reading standard Kiswahili: most attention.

Listening to and writing standard Kiswahili: some attention.

Kiswahili language grammar: little attention.

Additional Requirements

Technology requirements:

1. access to the Internet, including the YouTube website.
2. access to a computer with headphones, a microphone, and free online software to record voice.

Discipline: World Language

Level: High School

Grade: 9, 10, 11, 12

When Offered: Fall/Spring

Duration: 14-17 weeks