

# Swahili Courses (Languages, Linguistics, Literatures, and Cultures) (SWAH)

## SWAH Courses

This is a list of courses with the subject code SWAH. For more information, see Department of Languages, Linguistics, Literatures, and Cultures (College of Liberal Arts and Sciences) in the catalog.

- SWAH:1000 First-Year Seminar** **1 s.h.**  
Small discussion class taught by a faculty member; topics chosen by instructor; may include outside activities (e.g., films, lectures, performances, readings, visits to research facilities). Taught in English. Requirements: first- or second-semester standing.
- SWAH:1001 Elementary Swahili I** **4 s.h.**  
Development of basic Swahili conversations; introduction to Kiswahili culture, grammar, and vocabulary necessary for communication; asking and responding to simple and short questions. GE: World Languages First Level Proficiency.
- SWAH:1002 Elementary Swahili II** **4 s.h.**  
Builds on fundamentals of Kiswahili learned in SWAH:1002; students increase their proficiency in the language; introduction to Swahili language and culture through reading and listening to Swahili authentic materials. Requirements: SWAH:1001. GE: World Languages Second Level Proficiency.
- SWAH:1010 Introduction to Swahili Language and Culture** **2 s.h.**  
Introduction to Swahili language, history, and culture for anyone who would like to learn more about East Africa, Swahili language, and culture; multidisciplinary sources include texts, newspapers, booklets, films, music videos, pictures, handouts, websites, and a taste of Swahili cuisine; provides a bird's eye view of East African culture; previous knowledge of Swahili not required.
- SWAH:1777 Language Work in the Age of AI: The Products and the Poetry** **3 s.h.**  
Artificial intelligence tools now draft legal contracts in Mandarin, subtitle K-dramas in Arabic, and help poets rethink meter, yet every act of translation—human or machine—rests on interpretation, not mythical one-to-one equivalence; students explore that paradox while learning to deploy AI responsibly across world languages. Same as ARAB:1777, FREN:1777, GRMN:1777, ITAL:1777, TRNS:1777, WLLC:1777.
- SWAH:2001 Intermediate Swahili I** **4 s.h.**  
Development of language skills and intercultural understanding; use simple conversation for everyday life topics, language use for daily basis needs using familiar topics, maintain conversation on simple and relevant topics, and exchange information about subjects of interest; students compare discussions and conversations to their own experiences, read literary texts and biographies, and watch video clips, movies, and documentaries to compare and relate the culture to their own backgrounds. Requirements: SWAH:1002. GE: World Languages Third Level Proficiency.
- SWAH:2002 Intermediate Swahili II** **4 s.h.**  
Continuation of SWAH:2001; students increase competence in speaking the language and cultural understanding; general Swahili grammar and cultural studies; using the language to talk about job careers, lifestyles, basic rules/policies, complicated situations, purchasing and negotiating prices; development of communicative skills and intercultural understanding by reading a wide variety of texts and types. Requirements: SWAH:2001. GE: World Languages Fourth Level Proficiency.
- SWAH:2100 Exploring East African Languages and Cultures** **3 s.h.**  
Introduction to the rich and diverse languages and cultures of East Africa. GE: World Language and Cultural Exploration. GE: World Language and Cultural Exploration.
- SWAH:3006 Conversational Swahili** **3 s.h.**  
Extensive practice in production and comprehension of spoken Swahili; students read and interpret simple texts, and write sentences and/or paragraphs about various topics; use of online resources to develop topics of discussion; students improve their Swahili grammar and vocabulary skills through conversations and discussions. Requirements: SWAH:1001 or prior background with Swahili.
- SWAH:3007 Advanced Swahili** **3 s.h.**  
Advanced speaking, listening, reading, and writing skills. Requirements: grade of D+ or higher in SWAH:2002.
- SWAH:4090 Swahili Independent Study** **1-3 s.h.**  
Material not covered in regularly offered courses; independent study guided by an instructor.