

**SWAH 112, SUMMER 1, MAY 19 –
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*SWAH 112-001: 9:45-11:15 am
(MTWTHF-Remote)*



Take SWAH 112 to fulfill the language requirement as well as credit obligations for African studies and Global Studies majors and minors. The 112 course covers the material in the SWAH 401 and 402 sequence in **ONE SUMMER SESSION**. Students taking SWAH 112 during Summer I, 2020 may take SWAH 403 and complete their language requirement in Fall, 2021.

Swahili is a Bantu (Niger-Congo) language spoken as a mother tongue or a second language in East and Central African countries such as Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi, the Democratic Republic of Congo, and Somalia. Currently, Swahili is the most widely spoken African language with over 100 million first and second language speakers throughout the world. There are over 2000 languages in Africa, out of which 1500 belong to the Niger-Congo phylum spread in West, East and Southern Africa. Being one of the major languages spoken in Africa, Swahili introduces you to the indigenous African people's tradition, which is embedded in myths and legends of this exclusive culture.

Why study Swahili?

- ❖ Fulfill language requirement and credit obligations for a major or minor in African Studies.
- ❖ Prepare for travel, work, study, business, or a diplomatic career in Africa.
- ❖ Do research in Africa
- ❖ Unlike other African languages, Swahili is not a tonal language and therefore easier to learn
- ❖ Swahili uses the same alphabet as English.
- ❖ Due to a long history of contact that spans across centuries between Swahili speaking people and Indo-European and Asian languages speakers, there are many borrowed words in the Swahili language from other major world language including English, Portuguese, Germany, Arabic, and Hindi.