

Department of Africana Studies and Center for African Studies

SELF-DIRECTED AFRICAN LANGUAGE STUDY AT RUTGERS – NEW BRUNSWICK

Competition for 2008/2009 Academic Year
Applications Must Be Submitted Two Weeks Before the Fall Semester Begins

Description

The Center for African Studies is **sponsoring the study of any one African language (other than Arabic, Swahili and Yoruba) through the self-directed language study track (or tutorial track) in the 2008/2009 Academic Year.** Only ONE AWARD is available and selection will be competitive and based on the merits of the application. The successful student will be expected to work on a one-to-one basis with an assigned tutor of the relevant language. Performance and proficiency in the language will be evaluated by an appointed external examiner.

Eligibility

The interested applicant must: (a) be enrolled full-time in the graduate school or any professional school of Rutgers University; (b) be highly motivated, self-disciplined and self-directed.

Application process

Students wishing to enroll in the self-directed African languages study should complete the relevant application form available either online (see the website of the Center for African studies) or from the offices of the Center for African Studies (Beck Hall 207) and the Department of Africana Studies (Beck Hall 112) on Livingston Campus.

Please, mail the completed application to:

Ousseina Alidou

Director, Program in African languages and Literature
Rutgers University, Department of Africana Studies
112 Beck Hall, Piscataway, NJ 08854

Tel: 732-445-4023

email: oalidou@rci.rutgers.edu or ousseina@hotmail.com

Tel: 732-445-3334

(main office, leave a message)

The application should be accompanied by a letter of support from the applicant's academic advisor.

Students will be informed in 3 weeks time of the status of their applications, and may at that time be invited for an interview.

Deadline

All application materials must be received two weeks before the Fall semester begins.

Learning Contract

The successful student will establish a learning contract with the Director of the Program in African Languages and Literature (PALL) before s/he begins the language course. The student will be fully responsible for acquiring and assimilating the information in the various components of the instructional plan, keeping to an agreed-upon schedule. The schedule and performance objectives of the course will be established in consultation between the student, the Director of PALL and the external examiner.

Registration

The students in the self-directed African language study **will be registered under the Department of Africana Studies 013 African languages tutorial track course number [013 400]**.

The successful student will be required to attend an initial orientation meeting with the Director of PALL and the tutor of the language.

The student will be responsible for the purchase of all print instructional materials (usually textbook and workbook). Audio-visual materials, when available, will be provided by the Center for African Studies

For further information contact: Ousseina Alidou at oidalidou@rci.rutgers.edu or by phone at 732-445-4023 or 732-445-3334 (leave message).

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Applicant's Name and address	Date of submission
Major or Area of Study	
Graduate/Professional School And Department	
Projected year of graduation	
African language to be studied	
Current level of proficiency (if any)	Beginning [] Intermediate [] Advanced []
What are the skills you want to acquire in order of importance (speaking, listening, reading and writing)? Have you had any experience with the language before? Please explain. Have you studied any other foreign languages? If so, please specify.	
Reasons for wanting to study this language	Please, write an essay on a separate sheet, typed, discussing why you needed to study this language in relation to your short term and long term goals.