

**Rutgers University's
Department of African, Middle Eastern, and South Asian Languages and Literatures
and
The Center for African Studies
Present a 2009/2010 Competition:**

SELF-DIRECTED AFRICAN LANGUAGE STUDY AT RUTGERS – NEW BRUNSWICK

Applications Must Be Submitted Two Weeks Before the Fall Semester Begins

Description

The Department of African, Middle Eastern, and South Asian Languages and Literatures and the Center for African Studies are **sponsoring the study of any one African language (other than Arabic, Swahili, Yoruba, and Twi) through the self-directed language study track (or tutorial track) in the 2009/2010 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 <http://ruafrica.rutgers.edu>), or from the offices of the Center for African Studies (Beck Hall 204) or at the Department of African, Middle Eastern, and South Asian Languages and Literatures (Lucy Stone Hall B-301).

Please, mail the completed application to:

Ousseina Alidou
Director, Rutgers Center for African Studies
99 Avenue E
Beck Hall Room 210, Livingston Campus
Piscataway, NJ 08854 Tel: 732-445-6639

E-mail: director@cas.sas.rutgers.edu

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 Ousseina Alidou, the Director of the Program in African Languages and Literatures (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 African, Middle Eastern, and South Asian Languages and Literatures *African Languages Tutorial 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 director@cas.sas.rutgers.edu or by phone at 732-445-6639.

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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.