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Swahili minor

Overview

The Less-Commonly-Taught Languages Center (LCTL) at the University of Pittsburgh has provided language instruction in LCTL languages for decades, with most of the current languages being offered continuously for 10 years or more. Students taking a LCTL language learn to speak, listen, read, and write in that language, just as students in commonly taught languages do. Our students stand out as individuals with a rare skill (at least for an American context), which may put them at an advantage for future job opportunities. This minor synergizes with University Center for International Studies (UCIS) certificates, acting as a stepping-stone for students working towards those credentials.

The minor requires 17 credits for completion, detailed as follows. The first two required language courses are 4-credit courses; the rest of the courses are 3-credit courses.

Required language courses

SWAHIL 0101 Swahili 1
SWAHIL 0102 Swahili 2
SWAHIL 0103 Swahili 3
SWAHIL 0104 Swahili 4

Elective courses; choose one

SWAHIL 0105 Swahili 5
SWAHIL 0106 Swahili 6
SWAHIL 0111 Swahili Language & Cultural Immersion
SWAHIL 1615 Swahili Coastal Culture: Gateway to Africa
SWAHIL 1909 Special Topics in Swahili
LING 1263 Cross-Cultural Communication
LING 1951 Languages of the World
AFRCNA 0127 Introduction to Africa
AFRCNA 1725 Social and Health Issues in East Africa
ANTH 1725 Social and Health Issues in East Africa
HIST 1727 East African History 1500 – Present

Other courses may be used to fulfill this requirement with approval from the Less-Commonly-Taught Languages Center.

Grade Requirements

A minimum GPA of 2.0 is required for the minor.

Satisfactory/No Credit Option

There is no limit to the number of courses that can be taken on the S/NC basis for this certificate.

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