

PROPOSAL FOR MINOR PROGRAM OF STUDY

1. **School/College:** Franklin College
2. **Department/Division:** Comparative Literature and Intercultural Studies
3. **Minor Name:** Swahili Language, Literature and Culture
4. **Proposed Effective Date:** Fall 2021
5. **Which campus(es) will offer this program?** The University of Georgia- Athens
6. **Program Description:**
 - A minor must contain at least 9 hours of upper division course work.
 - Courses taken to satisfy Core Areas I through V may not be counted as course work in the minor.

 - Courses taken in Core Area VI may be counted as course work in the minor.

7. Program of Study:

A minor in Swahili Language, Literature and Culture shall consist of 15 hours.

Required Courses (9 credits):

SWAH 2010: **Intermediate Swahili I**

SWAH 2020: **Intermediate Swahili II**

SWAH 3001: **Culture and Identity Linkages of the Swahili with the Outside World I**

Students who use SWAH 2010, SWAH 2020, or SWAH 3001 to satisfy Area IV Requirements may replace these course requirements with up to three additional elective courses from the list below.

Electives

Choose two courses from the following list (**6 credits**). Students who apply SWAH 2010, 2020 or SWAH 3001 towards Area IV Franklin requirements may choose an additional 3 courses from the following list.

CMLT(AFST)(AFAM) 3030: **Introduction to African Languages and Cultures**

CMLT(AFST) 3150: **Introduction to Modern African Literature**

CMLT(AFST)(ANTH) 4245: **Oral Literature in Africa**

CMLT(AFST) 4880: **The Origins of African Literature**

SWAH 3020: **Culture and Identity Linkages of the Swahili with the Outside World II**

CMLT(AFST) 3151: **Introduction to Modern African Drama**

CMLT 4230/6230: **African Cinema**

CMLT(AFST) 4890/6890: **Postcolonial African Literature**

SWAH 3990: **Directed Study in Swahili Language and Literature**

All courses used to satisfy the minor requirement must be passed with a grade of "C" (2.0) or better.

At least three of these courses must be taken in residence.

TOTAL HOURS: 15

8. Approvals:

Department Head	Department	Date
Dean	School/College	Date

Additional Information

Multiple Swahili programs exist across the country, although the size and status of the programs appears to be informal in certain cases. According to our research, only one university in the southeast and three total universities in the country (University of Mississippi, University of Pittsburgh, Howard University) appear to offer a specific minor in Swahili language or culture.

According to the Pew Research Center, Swahili and other Eastern African languages were the fastest growing languages in the United States between 2016 and 2018, and Georgia currently is the state with the fifth largest population of Swahili speakers in the nation.

Enrollments in Swahili language, literature, and culture have increased to the point where there is more student demand than instructor and class availability.

There is a strong, vocal demand for a Swahili minor from students who want to utilize it for their careers as bilingual professionals in Georgia working with immigrant populations and positions that require cultural competency to work with internationally emerging markets.

Swahili Total Enrollments	
Fall 2017	163
Spring 2018	112
Fall 2018	142
Spring 2019	142
Fall 2019	191
Spring 2020	157

