

# **Indiana-Oregon-UCAD Summer Program in Dakar 2008**

## **Wolof Introduction**

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### **Course Description**

#### **I – Introduction**

This course is an introduction to the Wolof language. Its aim is to provide students involved in this summer program with knowledge of the basic structures of the language and the ability to use them in daily life.

#### **II – Objectives**

At the end of the session, students should, at least, be able to

- introduce themselves and other people ;
- make a presentation of their relatives or friends through pictures ;
- carry out a simple conversation;
- greet people in different settings, ask for directions and basic information related to shopping, travelling, health matters etc.;
- express wishes and discuss weather issues etc.

#### **III – Schedule and Activities**

The course begins on June 23 and runs through July 25. Class is held every morning from 8:30-10:30am, Monday through Friday, except on days when excursions are scheduled. Professor Gningue will introduce grammatical structures and selected topics during the first hour. During the second hour, students will be divided into groups to do oral drills and exercises. Please see the attached lesson plan.

In cultural context, students will develop communicative skills through

- reading comprehension
- listening comprehension
- speaking
- writing

#### **IV – Grading**

There will be regular assessments of class participation and oral performance throughout the course. There will also be a midterm and a final exam.

#### **V – Bibliography**

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## IU-UO-UCAD Wolof Course Schedule of Topics & Activities

<b>Weeks</b>	<b>Days</b>	<b>Topics</b>	<b>Activities</b>	<b>Supplementary materials</b>
<b>Week 1</b>	June 23	Icebreakers, presentation of syllabus, methodology etc.		
	June 24	Wolof alphabet (liifantu Wolof)	Word writing	
	June 26	Greetings, introductions, independent pronouns	Self-introduct., greetings	
<b>Week 2</b>	June 30	Presentation (sex, nationality, profession) ind. pronouns	Presenting other members of the group and characters in pictures	Pictures
	July 1	Presentation (family portrait): possessive adjectives; how to address people	Presenting members of one's family or class	Pictures of families, friends or classmates.
	July 2	Negative, interrogative, and emphatic forms	Asking and answering questions	Pictures of families, friends or classmates.
	July 3	Location in space (here, there, over there), demonstrative adjectives, imperative	Locating objects, giving orders, executing orders	
	July 4	Transportation, money counting, taking photographs Asking questions	Asking and answering questions	
<b>Week 3</b>	July 7	Asking questions; directions; prepositions.	Review for midterm	
	July 8	<b>Midterm test</b>		
	July 9	No Class, Practice Wolof on Touba Excursion		
	July 10	Time expressions: numbers, times of day, days of week	Saying days and times of activities or events	
	July 11	Buying, selling, bargaining: local currency, pronoun object, repeated pronouns	Simulation of purchase, role play	Coins and banknotes
	July 12-13	Practice Wolof on Toucar Excursion on Weekend		

<b>Week 4</b>	July 14	Feelling ill: negation with accomplished or unaccomplished actions, noun and its classifiers	Role play	Medical materials if available.
	July 15-19	No Class, Practice Wolof on Saint Louis-Tivaouane-Gaya Excursion		
<b>Week 5</b>	July 21	Comparing: colours adjectives, comparatives and superlatives	Describing and comparing (size, colour, etc.)	Pictures of animals, people or things.
	July 22	Weather, eating, drinking: modals, future, present perfect, pluperfect	Discussing the weather of some countries	
	July 23	Ceremonies and wishes: reflective verbs, conjunctions.	simulation	
	July 24	Some Wolof proverbs	Comparing proverbs	Jumbled proverbs to reorder
	July 25	<b>Final test</b>		