

# THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF TANZANIA



## DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS AND LITERARY STUDIES HEAD OF DEPARTMENT SPEECH ON ORIENTATION DAY

Dear students,

First and foremost, let me on behalf of all academic and administrative members of staff of the Department of Linguistics and Literary Studies extend my warmest welcome to all of you, new and continuing students to the department for the 2020/2021 Academic Year.

Sincerely, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate you all new students for your wise decision to choose our disciplines, and for being among very few who merited university studies. Bravo to you all!

Once again, welcome to the Open University of Tanzania, specifically to our beloved Department of Linguistics and Literary Studies, which is under the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (FASS). Our department is located in BLOCK C, Room No. CF 06 at the Head Office, Dar es Salaam. However, help with the admission process, registration and/or academic advice, can be obtained from OUT Centres and coordination units which are in almost all regions of Tanzania and of course in Kenya, Rwanda, Malawi and Namibia.

I hope that this Orientation program will serve as an opportunity for you to gain essential information about the programmes in the department and how they are run.

### 1.1. Background:

The department of Linguistics and Literary Studies (LLS) deals exclusively with language-oriented courses. It was established in 2007 by combining three formerly separate coordination units of Kiswahili, Linguistics and Literature. As a consequent of this merger, the department has developed into being the largest in the faculty and operates under three subsections, which are linguistics coordinated by Mr. Mosi Masatu, Literature which is coordinated by Ms. Caroline Mugolozzi, and Kiswahili undergraduate, coordinated by Mr. Emmanuel Msangi and Swahili postgraduate by Dr. Omari Maguo. Courses offered by our department and academic staff who instruct them and their phone numbers are given hereunder to facilitate consultation and contact.

S/No	Course Code	Course Name	Course Instructor	Phone number
<b>FRENCH COURSES</b>				
1	FR 1	French for Beginners	Mr. Constantine Njalambaya	0624063931
2	FR 2	Intermediate Level	Mr. Constantine Njalambaya	0624063931
<b>BACHELOR OF ARTS IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE</b>				
<b>Level 1 Courses</b>				

1	OLL 131	Introduction to language and linguistics	Ms. Frida Mbwafu	0718177111
2	OLL 132	English Structure	Mr. Lazaro Charles	0717052592
3	OLL 133	Introduction to Functional Grammar	Ms. Frida Mbwafu	0718177111
4	OLL 134	Language Contact	Mr. Mosi Masatu	0755623017
5	OLL 135	Language Acquisition Theories	Ms. Eliza Kyara	0753771465
6	OLL 136	History and Development of the English Language	Ms. Frida Mbwafu	0718177111
<b>Level 2 Courses</b>				
7	OLL 231	Discourse Analysis	Mr. Yusuph Mwangu	0768340198
8	OLL 232	Morphology	Mr. Masatu Mosi	0755623017
9	OLL 233	Introduction to Syntax	Mr. Yusuph Mwangu	768340198
10	OLL 234	History and Comparative Linguistics	Mr. Lazaro Charles	07177052592
11	OLL 235	Phonetic and Phonology	Dr. Dunlop Ochieng	0684053363
12	OLL 236	Applied Linguistics	Mr. Masatu Mosi	0755623017
13	OLL 237	Translation Theory and Practice	Ms. Eliza Kyara	0753771465
14	OLL 238	Lexicography	Dr. Salma Hamad	0778701115
<b>Level 3 Courses</b>				
15	OLL 331	Contemporary Linguistic Theories	Dr. Frank Julius	07546635189
16	OLL 332N	Language and Gender	Ms. Frida Mbwafu	0718177111
17	OLL 333N	Sociolinguistics	Dr. Zelda Elisifa	0754258700
18	OLL 334	Research Methodology	Dr. Zelda Elisifa	0754258700
19	OLL 335N	Semantics and Pragmatics	Dr. Dunlop Ochieng	0684053363
20	OLL 336N	Advanced English Syntax	Mr. Yusuph Mwangu	0768340198
21	OLL 337	Research Project in Translation/Linguistics	Mr. Lazaro Charles	07177052592
<b>BACHELOR OF ARTS IN LITERATURE</b>				
<b>S/No</b>	<b>Course Code</b>	<b>Course Name</b>	<b>Course Instructor</b>	
<b>Level 1 Courses</b>				
1	OLT 131	Literary Theory and Criticism	Ms. Caroline Mugolozzi	0656223661
2	OLT 132	Studies in African Literatures	Mr. Faustine D. John	0655386859
3	OLT 133	Language and Literature	Mr. Yohana Makeja	0621310172
4	OLT 134	Creative Writing for Fiction, Drama and Poetry	Mr. Boniface Kisika	0756186118
5	OLT 135	Introduction to Drama	Ms. Caroline Mugolozzi	0656223661
6	OLT 136	African Woman Writers	Mr. Faustine D. John	0655386859
<b>Level 2 Courses</b>				
7	OLT 231	Literary Stylistics	Dr. Frank Julius	07546635189
8	OLT 232	Poetry	Mr. Yohana Makeja	0621310172
9	OLT 233	Folklore and Oral Literature	Mr. Yohana Makeja	0621310172
10	OLT 234	Research Methodology	Dr. Zelda Elisifa	0754258700
11	OLT 235	Rise of the Novel	Mr. Boniface Kisika	0756186118
12	OLT236	Contemporary Trends in African Literature	Mr. Faustine D. John	0655386859

13	OLT 237	Introduction to Film Studies	Mr. Boniface Kisika	0756186118
14	OLT 331	Comparative Literature	Mr. Constantine Njalambaya	0624063931
<b>Level 3 Courses</b>				
15	OLT 332	African American Literature	Mr. Boniface Kisika	0756186118
16	OLT 333	Studies in European Literature	Dr. Frank Julius	07546635189
17	OLT 334	Gender and Literature	Ms. Caroline Mugolozzi	0656223661
18	OLT 335	The Short Story	Mr. Constantine Njalambaya	0624063931
19	OLT 336	Research Project	Ms. Caroline Mugolozzi	0656223661
20	OLT 337	Creative Writing Project	Ms. Caroline Mugolozzi	0656223661
<b>BACHELOR OF ARTS IN KISWAHILI AND CREATIVE STUDIES</b>				
S/No	Course Code	Course Name	Course Instructor	
<b>Level 1 Courses</b>				
1	OSW 131	Introduction to language and linguistics	Mr. Bakari Kombo	0777460351
2	OSW 132	History of Kiswahili and Dialect	Dr. Nasra Habib	0717029716
3	OSW 133	Kiswahili Literature: Theories and Criticism	Mr. Emmanuel Msangi	0714519226
4	OSW 134	Theory and Practice of Translation	Dr. Nasra Habibu	0717029716
<b>Level 2 Courses</b>				
5	OSW 231	Kiswahili Grammar and Syntax	Dr. Nasra Habibu	0717029716
6	OSW 232	Kiswahili Phonetics and Phonology	Ms. Theresia Mbogo	0787928387
7	OSW 233	Kiswahili Morphology	Mr. Bakari Kombo	0777460351
8	OSW 234	Kiswahili Oral Literature	Mr. Emmanuel Msangi	0714519226
9	OSW 235	Research Methods	Dr. Hadija Jilala	0712569555
10	OSW 236	Semantikia	Mr. Bakari Kombo	0777460351
11	OSW 237	Creative Writing and Screen Writing	Dr. Jacob Leopard	0784418763
12	OSW 238	Lexicography	Dr. Salma Hamad	0778701115
13	OSW 239	Comparative Literature	Mr. Emmanuel Msangi	0714519226
<b>Level 3 Courses</b>				
14	OSW 331	Kiswahili Novels	Dr. Mohamed Omary	0719017254
15	OSW 332	Kiswahili Drama	Dr. Mohamed Omary	071901725
16	OSW 333	Kiswahili Poetry	Dr. Mohamed Omary	071901725
17	OSW 334	Film Criticism	Dr. Salma Hamad	0778701115
18	OSW 335	Sociolinguistics	Dr. Hadija Jilala	0712569555
19	OSW 337	Literary Stylistics in Kiswahili	Dr. Hadija Jilala	0712569555
<b>MA KISWAHILI</b>				
S/No	Course Code	Course Name	Course Instructor	
1	OSW 601	Classical & Modern Poetry	Dr. Mohamed Omary	071901725
2	OSW 602	Kiswahili Drama	Dr. Mohamed Omary	071901725
3	OSW 603	Kiswahili Novel	Dr. Mohamed Omary	071901725
4	OSW 604	Theories of Literary Criticism	Dr. Salma Hamad	

5	OSW 606	Oral Literature	Dr. Mohamed Omary	071901725
6	OSW 608	Kiswahili Phonology	Dr. Salma Hamad	0778701115
7	OSW 609	Kiswahili Morphology	Mr. Bakari Kombo	0777460351
8	OSW 610	Kiswahili Syntax	Dr. Nasra Habib	0717029716
9	OSW 611	Kiswahili Semantics	Dr. Hadija Jilala	0712569555
10	OSW 613	Sociolinguistics	Dr. Dunlop Ochieng	0684053363
11	OSW 614	Translation: Theory and Practice	Dr. Hadija Jilala	0712569555
12	OSW 616	Research & Methodology	Dr. Zelda Elisifa	0754258700

**Programmes offered:** The department offers certificates, bachelor and postgraduate programs as follows:

## **1.2. Certificates Programmes**

### **1.2.1. Certificate in French**

Our department also offers French certificate modules leading to an award of a certificate of French at different levels. These modules are divided into three levels as follows: French for Beginners, Intermediate Level and Advanced Level. A graduate of the program can satisfactorily perform language tasks in accordance with the level acquired. These levels are chained up whereby the completion of one level qualifies one for an advanced level. The certificates in French will allow one to join the Open University of Tanzania foundation course. Each certificate level is offered for a duration of nine months.

### **1.2.2. English Proficiency Certificate**

We offer an online course known as English Proficiency Certificate Program (EPCP). The course is designed specifically to help second and foreign English learners to improve their proficiency in the language. In line with this view, the course strives to train its learners in the four language basic skills: listening, speaking, writing, reading and writing.

So far, the course is divided into nine major parts as hereunder:

1. Parts of speech
2. Beyond the simple sentence
3. Verb tenses & pronouns
4. Three sentence level
5. From sentences to paragraphs
6. From paragraph to essays
7. Academic writing

Further, each of these seven major parts consists of several lectures on specific topics, some of which being: types of words, types of sentences, writing notes, writing essays, listening and comprehension, speaking, presenting, verb-subject agreement, tenses, punctuation, just to mention a few. For each of these lectures, we provide content prompting our learners to listen, understand, speak, write, read and write English.

Regarding the methods, we present our course through multimedia - texts, audio, still images, animation, video, and interactivity content forms. That is, we give on notes

(lectures), practices, quizzes and assignments or give hyperlinks to open notes, lessons, pictures and videos by other institutions or individuals.

Our learners can learn independently individually or in groups. What is more, we have an online forum where our learners can exchange views by fellow learners and or course instructors of the program. The instructors of the course can also interact with learners through email and the forum. What is more, learners evaluate themselves and send their results of the assignments and quizzes to the course instructor who eventually gives them English Proficiency Certificate upon determining that the requirement is met.

The course enrolls anybody with a basic level of English wishing to improve his or her proficiency in the language. One is only required to show the proof of payment of the course fee, which is currently 90,000/Tshs. and she or he becomes enrolled in the course instantly irrespective of where he or she is. The enrolment, in this case, means, permission to access the course (a receipt of a user name and a password).

### **1.3. Undergraduate Programmes**

At the undergraduate level, the department has three programmes to cater to undergraduate students; which are:

- Bachelor of English Language and Linguistics (**BA ELL**)
- Bachelor of Kiswahili and Creative Studies (**BA KISW**)
- Bachelor of Arts in Literature (**BALIT**)

The details of these programs can be obtained from our website.

### **1.4. Postgraduate Programmes**

At the postgraduate, level the department offers the following programmes.

#### **1.4.1. Masters Programmes**

There are two broad categories of master programs that the department offers at the present time.

##### **1.4.1.1. Master of Arts by Thesis**

This caters for candidates who wish to study postgraduate programme under the distance mode. Under this category, the department offers the following programmes

- M.A. in Linguistics
- M.A. in Literature
- M.A. in Kiswahili.

##### **1.4.1.2. Master of Arts by Coursework**

Under this category, the department offers M.A. Kiswahili. However, MA English and Linguistics is still undergoing the accreditation process and will be offered as soon as it is accredited by the Tanzania Commission for Universities.

### 1.4.1.3. Assessment Criteria

Students' assessment in the Postgraduate the programmes is through course work and examinations. Except for the dissertation, the students in each course are evaluated as follows:

Coursework: Total marks **50%**

- One Timed Test.....20%
- One Term Paper.....30%
- Examination.....50%
- **Total.....100%**

The pass mark for each examinable course shall be 50%. A candidate who may not have completed course work shall not be allowed to proceed for research work.

### 1.4.2. Doctor of Philosophy Degrees

PhD degree programmes are available for all discipline specialities offered at the Masters level. These programmes are offered through distance education mode and can be accomplished only by way of a thesis.

### 1.5. Teaching

There will be course multimedia content on the online platform called Moodle. Therein you will find course outlines, notes, discussion forums, videos, PowerPoint presentations, review questions and references, just to mention a few. Your registration into Moodle will be automatic upon registering with the university and paying fees. You need a user name and a password to enter Moodle. You can get this password from ICT personal in regional centres all over the country, or you can request it by mail from [ict.helpdesk@out.ac.tz](mailto:ict.helpdesk@out.ac.tz)

There will also be technology-mediated teaching through Zoom teleconferencing software starting from 4<sup>th</sup> December 2020. There will be more orientation by other departments of the university on how this technology works.

I lastly wish you all the best of luck and success in your study at the Open University of Tanzania, Karibu sana!

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