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Bamana

Linguistics
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Subjects associated with this department include: Arabic (ARAB), Bamana (BMNA), English as an International Language (EIL), English as a Second Language (ESL), Modern Greek (GRKM), Hindi (HNDI), Lingala (LGLA), Linguistics (LING), Persian (PERS), Sanskrit (SNSK), Swahili (SWAH), Turkish (TURK), Wolof (WLOF), and Zulu (ZULU).

BMNA 201  **Elementary Bamana I**  credit: 5 hours.
Introduction to Bamana (Bambara), a West African language spoken from Mauritania to Benin; emphasis on grammar, pronunciation, reading and conversation in standard Bamana. Participation in the language laboratory required. Same as AFST 201.

BMNA 202  **Elementary Bamana II**  credit: 5 hours.
Continuation of BMNA 201, with introduction of more advanced grammar; emphasis on more fluency in speaking, reading, and writing simple sentences in standard Bamana. Participation in the language laboratory required. Same as AFST 202. Prerequisite: BMNA 201.

BMNA 403  **Intermediate Bamana I**  credit: 4 hours.
Survey of more advanced grammar, with emphasis on increasing conversational fluency, compositional skills, study of written texts in standard Bamana, and discussion of grammatical variations. Same as AFST 403. Prerequisite: BMNA 202.

BMNA 404  **Intermediate Bamana II**  credit: 4 hours.
Continuation of BMNA 403; emphasis on ability to engage in reasonably fluent discourse in Bamana and comprehensive knowledge of formal grammar, and ability to read ordinary texts in standard Bamana. Same as AFST 404. Prerequisite: BMNA 403.

BMNA 405  **Advanced Bamana I**  credit: 3 hours.
Third year Bamana with emphasis on conversational fluency and on increased facility in reading, comprehension, writing in response to authentic Bamana texts such as those documented in selected newspapers, magazines, and other Bamana-speaking communities’ cultural materials. Same as AFST 431. Prerequisite: BMNA 404.

BMNA 406  **Advanced Bamana II**  credit: 3 hours.
Continuation of BMNA 405 with increased emphasis on conversational fluency and on increased facility in reading, comprehending authentic Bamana literary texts, including prose and cultural materials from Bamana-speaking communities in West Africa (i.e., Burkina Faso, Cote d’Ivoire, and Mali.) Same as AFST 432. Prerequisite: BMNA 405.