

# Course Catalog - Fall 2008

## Bamana

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.

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.

403 **Intermediate Bamana I** credit: 4 or 5 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. Participation in the language laboratory may be required. Same as AFST 403. Summer 2008: 5 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Fall 2008 4 hours only. Prerequisite: BMNA 202.

404 **Intermediate Bamana II** credit: 4 or 5 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. Participation in the language laboratory may be required. Same as AFST 404. Summer 2008: 5 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Fall 2008: 4 hours only. Prerequisite: BMNA 403.

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 documented in selected newspapers, magazines, and other Bamana-speaking communities' cultural materials. Same as AFST 431. Prerequisite: BMNA 404.

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.