

MRS 7104	Contemporary Ethical Issues in Africa	4
Electives		
MRS 7105	Language	2
MRS 7106	Philosophy of Religion	2
MRS 7107	The Modern Movements in Islam	2
MRS 7108	African Spirituality	2
MRS 7109	History of Christianity and Islam	2
* 4 Core courses and 2 electives per semester		
Total course units at the end of First Semester		20
Semester II (Core Courses)		
MRS 7201	African Religious Experience	4
MRS 7202	Religion and Society	4
MRS 7203	Religion & Science-Interdiscip. Issues	4
MRS 7204	Religion and Human Rights	4
Electives		
MRS 7205	Language	2
MRS 7206	New Religious Movements	2
MRS 7207	Islamic Law (Sharia) in Africa	2
MRS 7208	Religion and Development	2

MRS 7209	Religion and Health	2
Total Course Units at end of second semester		20
Total Course Units at end of first year		40

Note: CU = Course (Credit) Unit

Year II

Semesters I and II

A candidate shall not be permitted to formally start on research work unless he/she has passed the prescribed courses in the first year.

A candidate shall conduct research in a chosen area of specialization with the guidance of a supervisor(s). The candidate will initially present the intended research work proposal at a Departmental Seminar.

The research work shall have to be approved by the Faculty Research and Higher Degrees Committees

The candidate shall present their research findings in the form of a dissertation in accordance with the common University Rules and Regulations for the Masters Degrees in all Faculties of the University.

MASTER OF ARTS IN AFRICAN LANGUAGES (KISWAHILI/ LUGANDA/ LUO AND RUNYAKITARA) (MALN)

Introduction

This MA.. Programme is the amalgamated, harmonised and rationalised version of the segmented non-semesterized and duplicated MA.. Programmes previously offered by the different African Languages in the Institute of Languages: Kiswahili, Luganda, Luo and Runyakitara. This is in accordance with strategic priority number one of the Institute: To “Increase the marketability and sustainability of the programmes in the Institute.”

Objectives

The objectives of the programme are:

- i) To develop students knowledge of the background to modern linguistics and appreciation of linguistic theory and its relevance to the study of African Languages.

- ii) To give practice in techniques of analysis and description of African Languages.
- iii) To present a coherent model of the description of African Languages, Cultures and Communication systems.
- iv) To provide the basis for work in different types of situations and sectors requiring general and applied language usage.
- v) To provide skills for research and material development and production in African Languages and Cultures.

Programme Structure

Duration

The duration of the MA.. Degree in African Languages is two years of two semesters each. Each semester will comprise 17 weeks of teaching/study (including 2 weeks of examinations). There will be a break of 4 weeks between semesters.

Syllabi for Indigenous Languages

The government White Paper (which might eventually be formalised into policy) specifies indigenous languages be the media of education for the first four years of primary school education. By strengthening the teaching of African Languages at the Institute a cadre of resource persons will be in a position to contribute to the designing of the syllabi and production of teaching materials for the schools as well as to teach in schools and colleges.

Course Units

- The programme will be conducted on Course Unit (CU) basis.
- One CU is equivalent to one contact hour a week over a semester or a series of at least 15 contact hours.
- One contact hour is equivalent to one hour of a lecture/tutorial, or two hours of Practicals.
The Master of Arts in African Languages will be offered by Coursework and Research.

Year I:

Semester I and Semester II

Core Courses per Semester	3
Elective Courses per Semester	2
Recess: Project Proposal	

Year II

Semester I and Semester II: Research and Dissertation.

Layout of Courses

A student takes ten courses in the first year, five in each semester: three core courses and two electives.

Year I: Semester I – Core Courses		
Course Code	Course Name	CU
AL 600	Advanced Phonetics & Phonology of African Languages	4
AL 601	Comparative and Contrastive Studies of African Languages	4
AL 602	Research Methods	4
AL 603	African Modes of Communication	4
AL 604	African Cultures and Societies	4
AL 605	Materials Development for African Languages	4

AL 606	Policy Development for African Languages	4
AL 607	The Changing Uses of African Languages	4
AL 608	Introduction to Computer Applications	3
Total Course Units required and end of first semester = at least		15
Semester II (Core courses)		
AL 609	Advanced Morpho-Syntax of African Languages	4
AL 610	Semantics and Pragmatics in African Languages	4
AL 611	African Languages Lexicology and Lexicography	4
Electives		
AL 612	African Languages and the Media	4
AL 613	African Proverbs and Mythology	4
AL 614	African Languages and Gender	4
AL 615	Translation & Interpretation Focusing on African Languages	4
AL 616	A Modern Description of an African Language	4
AL 617	Introduction to Computational Linguistics	3
Total Course Units required at end of Second Semester = at least		15
Total Course Units required at end of First Year = at least		30

Year II

Semester I & II

A candidate shall not be permitted to formally start on research work unless he/she has passed a minimum of 6 courses in the first year.

The candidate shall present his/her research findings in the form of a Dissertation in accordance with the general rules and regulations pertaining to all Masters Degrees submitted to Makerere University.

Award

The degree of a Master of Arts (African Languages) will be awarded to a candidate who has accumulated a minimum of 300 CU including the cores for courses passed and has passed the dissertation.