**KSA 2211 KISWAHILI SOCIOLINGUISTICS CU 4 CH 60**

**Course Objectives**

1. To acquaint students with various sociolinguistic approaches in the study of bilingual and multilingual societies.
2. To provide students with the ability to discuss and (hopefully) help to formulate national language polices with special reference to Kiswahili in the East African Community.

**Course Description**

This course extends and complements KSA 2109. It is thus an advanced study of the interaction between language and society. This interaction is manifested in a variety of ways captured mainly in the sociolinguistic concepts of bilingualism and multilingualism and related issues such as code-switching diglossia, biculturalism, standardization, official vs. national language and many others. The course considers these issues in the context of the role of Kiswahili in the East African Community most of whose member countries are multilingual. In doing so, the focus will be on Kiswahili language profiles in the East African Community. The role of Kiswahili as a lingua franca for the East African Community will be considered.

**Course Outline**

* The concepts of bilingualism and multlingualism
* Monolingualism vs bilingualism
* Nature and characteristics of a multilingual society
* Special related issues: code-switch, diglossia,biculturalism
* Standard, official and national languages in a multilingual setting: the case of Kiswahili
* Kiswahili as a lingua franca
* Language problems of multilingual societies: the case of Kiswahili
* Kiswahili policy profiles in East Africa

**Learning Outcomes**

By the end of the course, students will be expected to have gained awareness of: (i) the nature of multilingual societies (ii) the status of Kiswahili in East African multilingual societies (iii) the problems of multilingual societies and a fair knowledge of the possible approaches to solving such problems

**Mode of Delivery**

* Lectures
* Group Discussion
* Role Play

**Mode of Assessment**

* Course work and Oral presentations will contribute 30%
* Final Examination will constitute 70%

**References**

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