

Gesellig Afrikaans

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The Department of Afrikaans and Dutch, German and French (UFS) has been presenting **Afrikaans as a foreign language** informally to small groups for more than fifteen years. Aspects of everyday life such as cuisine, modern Afrikaans music, and simple language jokes are all among the themes utilised in teaching and learning the basic grammatical structure of the language and acquiring the necessary vocabulary and correct pronunciation in Afrikaans.

International students and new comers to the Free State are often interested in learning more about the cultures and languages used here wanting at least to understand Afrikaans for social and informal interaction.

Formal contact time of two hours per week at 17:00 besides online (blackboard) blended learning activities will be based on the themes and grammar covered by the course. A basic course and an advanced course are offered in the first and second semesters at given dates usually starting at the end of January and July every year. Both courses are credit bearing and includes formal assessment.

Learning a foreign language is time-intensive and contact with the language is very important. It was therefore deemed relevant, even in a language acquisition course, to find also alternative modes of presentation which obviated the problem of missed classes and provided an enhanced quality of independent study. The e-learning course for adults proved to be the answer. The courses are facilitated in English. Both courses are designed to make provision for self-monitoring. Enrolled students will also become part of an informal chat-room on Blackboard This contact in and outside class are of great value to new students.

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