Course Code and Title: LNGS 304: Morphology and Syntax of a Ghanaian Language (Akan)
Credits: THREE

Lecture Periods and Venue: 1:30pm – 3:20pm, Tuesday (Main Campus @ LLT)
12:10pm – 2pm, Friday (City Campus @

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Course Objectives
This course is designed to enable students apply the principles of morphology and syntax to the analysis of words, phrases and sentences of Akan. Some of the topics to be treated are grammatical and lexical categories, inflectional morphology, derivational morphology, reduplication, compounding, properties of some Akan sentences and morphological agreement.

Learning Outcomes
By the end of the semester, students of this course will be able to apply basic principles of morphology and syntax to the Akan language. Specifically, students will develop the knowledge and the skills necessary to analyze and categorize words and phrases in the Akan language.

Course Delivery
Lectures, Data analysis and Discussions

Plagiarism Policy
In writing any assignment, paper, etc. for this course, you are expected to show the source of the ideas, information and even examples you include in your work. ‘To use another person’s ideas or expressions in your writing without acknowledging the source is to plagiarise. Plagiarism constitutes intellectual theft and often carries severe penalties ranging from failure in a course to expulsion from school’ (Gibaldi, Joseph. 1995. MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers, 4th edition. New York: Modern Language Association of America, p. 26). The University of Ghana takes a serious view of plagiarism in academic writing.
**Assessment/Evaluation**

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**Other information (Course Policy)**

Attendance is mandatory. You are required to read assigned course materials to participate fully in every lecture. Failure to comply with these two conditions will have adverse effect on your standing in this course. You are required to show respect to your colleagues (or those who may hold opposing views to yours on issues for this course). As indicated above, 30% percent of your grade will come from interim assessment, and 70% from the end-of-semester examination.

**Tentative Course Plan & Schedule**

**Week One:** General introduction to linguistics – Language  
*Reading:*  

**Week Two:** General introduction to linguistics – Linguistic Knowledge  
*Reading:*  

**Week Three:** General introduction to morphology  
*Reading(s):*  

**Week Four:** General introduction to syntax and morphosyntax  
*Reading(s):*  
Week Five: Word Classes in Akan; Data Analysis
Reading(s):

Week Six: The Akan noun and noun phrase
Data analysis
Reading(s):
(d) Saah, K. K. Relativization in Akan; Reflexivization in Akan

Week Seven: Quiz on general issues (from week 1 to week 4; 10%)
The noun phrase in Akan (continued)
Data Analysis

Week Eight: The noun phrase in Akan; Data Analysis

Week Nine: Test: 15%
The Akan verb and verb phrase –
Data Analysis
Group Discussion of issues covered from week 1 to week 7

Week Ten: The Akan verb and verb phrase (continued)
The Akan Adjective (form and distribution)
Adverbs (form and distribution)
Data Analysis

Week Eleven: Adjectives and Adverbs (continued)
Numerals
Determiners (Boadi 2010)
Conjunction (coordinating and subordinating)
Data Analysis
Week Twelve: Affixation in Akan nouns, verbs and adjectives (inflectional and derivational)
-- Verbal affixes (Dolphyne 1988: 87 – 97)
– Adjectival Affixes (Dolphyne 1988: 86 – 87)
Compounding in Akan – Dolphyne 1988: 80, 117 – 124; Appah (MPhil Thesis); Ofori 2008 – Numeral Compounding in Akan
Data Analysis

Week Thirteen:
Sentence types in Akan – simplex (types of simplex sentences), complex (serialization), focus, Questions, Negation, etc.
Data Analysis
Group discussion

References
Saak, K.K. – Relativization/Reflexivization