

SAMOAN 101
FALL SEMESTER 2013
Samoan Program Spalding 453 956-3558

Introduction

This first semester of Samoan language and culture is designed to give you a firm command of pronunciation and basic sentence structure and a general understanding of the history, geography and culture of Samoa. Classroom activities will stress conversation in Samoan, but exercises will also include reading, writing, and grammar. There will also be a weekly on-line component to the class for which you will be required to perform language tasks, view cultural videos, and compose reaction papers.

Student Learning Objectives

Upon successful completion of SAM 101, the student should be able to:

- Recognize and represent in speech and writing the basic phonological, morphological, and syntactical features of Samoan.
- Acquire a basic vocabulary consisting of approximately 350 words and expressions dealing with commonly encountered objects, situations, and ideas.
- Understand and participate in conversations that use the basic vocabulary.
- Read Samoan texts that use the basic vocabulary.
- Write properly formed sentences and brief compositions in Samoan, using the basic vocabulary and proper orthography.
- Appreciate and use idiomatic nuances and bodily gestures common to native speakers of Samoan.
- Understand basic aspects of Samoan culture and history, including family and social organization, the matai system, modern governments, traditional diet, religious beliefs, and Samoa's interaction with colonial powers.

Course Materials

The materials for this class are taken from a book that is in draft form. The text will be available free as a pdf file on Laulima. A pdf version of a Samoan dictionary (Metz 2011) will also be made available on Laulima. Other class materials will be provided as handouts. Two other available dictionaries that can be purchased on-line are A Simplified Dictionary of Modern Samoan by Alardice and Milner's Samoan Dictionary.

Tuesday Class

There will be a special class session each Tuesday in Moore 155 (Language Lab). The class will be repeated each hour from 9am until 1pm. Students may attend any of the 1-hour sessions. Please make sure that you sign in so that your attendance will be recorded. Students who have time conflicts or other obligations on Tuesday that prevent you from attending will be given a make-up assignment that will be due at the next class meeting (Wednesday). Please check your Laulima each Tuesday morning for the assignment.

Course Requirements

Home Work Assignments will be due on the following day after they are assigned. No late Home Work Assignments will be accepted. There will be a mid-term exam and a final exam as well as a quiz every two weeks on the materials covered in that two week period. You may drop your lowest quiz score.

Final grade for Samoan 101 will be based on the following:

Homework and Tuesday Assignments	25%
Quizzes (every two weeks)	25%
Mid-term (Week 9)	25%
Final Exam	<u>25%</u>
	100%

PLEASE NOTE: Unexcused absences will affect your final grade. Students with 5 unexcused absences may drop one letter for the final grade (e.g. a final grade of "B" will be reduced to a final grade of "C"

If you are a student with a disability and have disability-related needs or concerns please contact the Kokua Program at 956-7511 or go to Room 13 in the Queen Lili'uokalani Center for Student Services.

SAMOAN 101 SCHEDULE AND TOPICS

WEEK	LESSON	TOPIC	PAGE	SONG	TAPE	
1	1-6	Pronunciation	1	'Ie Lavalava	SOA 300.1	
2	QUIZ 1	1-6	Pronunciation, greetings	19	'Ie Lavalava	SOA 300.2
3	7-9, 12	Nouns & commands	24	Soufunu Sina	SOA 300.3	
4	QUIZ 2	16	Important phrases	38	Soufunu Sina	SOA 300.4
5	10, 11	Equations, identity	45	La'u Lupe	SOA 300.5	
6	QUIZ 3	17, 18	Numbers	57	La'u Lupe	SOA 300.6
7	19, 20, 21	Time, buying selling	67	Mālie Pule	SOA 300.7	
8	QUIZ 4	13	Pronouns	81	Lota Nu'u	SOA 300.8
9	Mid-term Review		91			
10	no #	Locatives	100	Tele I'a	SOA 300.10	
11	QUIZ 5	22, 23	Simple verbal sentences	107	Tele I'a	SOA 300.11
12	14, 26	Possession, the verb "to exist"	119	Pese o le Tatau	SOA 300.12	
13	QUIZ 6	24, 25	possessives, negative verbal sentences	129	Pese o le Tatau	SOA 300.13
14	27, 28	More questions, Sentences with time and location	141	Sāvalivali	SOA 300.14	
15	QUIZ 7	29	Sentences with an object	152	Sāvalivali	SOA 300.15
16	FINAL EXAM REVIEW		164			