

# Tutorial letter 102/1/2018

## Language and Communication Skills Acquisition in an African Language 2 AFL1504

**Semester 1**

**Department of African Languages**

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:**

This tutorial letter contains a welcome message, information about registrations, the CD-Rom, assignment numbering, your lecturers, video conferences and appointments with your lecturers.

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### **Please note / important notes:**

Please choose only ONE language on the CD-ROM or under *Additional Resources* on the myUnisa platform and answer the two assignments for your chosen African language. In the exam you must also answer only the questions on your chosen African language. You are welcome to contact us whenever you encounter study related problems in this module. Kindly contact **only the lecturer responsible for the language** you have chosen to study. If your query is of a more general nature, please contact the module coordinator, Ms LR Mfazwe-Mojapelo.

## **1 WELCOME**

We would like to welcome you to the second module of **LANGUAGE AND COMMUNICATION SKILLS ACQUISITION IN AN AFRICAN LANGUAGE**.

Tutorial Letters 101/1/2018 and 102/1/2018 (this one) are regarded as very important for this course. Read through them thoroughly and follow the procedures explained. You are requested to get the tutorial matter from the *Official Study Material* tool on myUnisa. You are also asked to submit your assignments via the *Assessment Info* tool. We will endeavour to send you the CD-ROM for this module, but you will also be able to access the guide for your chosen African language under *Additional Resources* on myUnisa. There are no prescribed books for this module.

If you have already started working through the tutorial matter and feel confused as a result of all the foreign words and terminology, do not despair. Learning another language is no easy task. The best advice is to persevere; work regularly and diligently. Those who have not yet started should do so as soon as possible. Here are some useful hints:

- ☞ Work regularly, virtually every day. Learn the most basic vocabulary as soon as possible.

- ☞ Make sure that you are familiar with a specific lesson before commencing with the next lesson. It is advisable to do all the exercises following each lesson before attempting the assignment based on particular lessons.
- ☞ When you encounter the slightest problem, do not hesitate to contact us.
- ☞ Although only the first assignment is compulsory (to grant you access to the examination), experience has shown that students who do both assignments fare much better in the exams and they have the added advantage of a better year mark to count towards their final exam mark.
- ☞ Speak the language you have chosen as often as possible. The aim of learning a language is primarily to **communicate**. Even if you make mistakes, just talk and listen, try to understand what is said during a conversation. Practice makes perfect!
- ☞ No prior knowledge of an African language is expected for the first beginners' module (AFL1503), but the follow-up module AFL1504 assumes that you are familiar with the contents of the first module.

## 2 REGISTRATIONS

### **We want to draw your attention to the following:**

If you took an African language as FIRST language at matriculation level (Grade 12) you may not take the AFL1503 and AFL1504 modules as they are designed for beginners only, i.e. students with no or very little background of an African language. You are advised to register for AFL1501 or AFL1502 instead.

**NB: THE AFL1503 MODULE IS A PREREQUISITE FOR THE SECOND BEGINNERS MODULE, AFL1504.**

To ensure that you get all our communication, please activate your *mylife* email address as this is the address all mail goes to when we send emails via the system.

## 3 GENERAL INFORMATION REGARDING THE CD-ROM

You do not have to know any of the dialogues or stories on the CD-ROM by heart. All the sound recordings on the CD-ROM are there to serve as listening and pronunciation exercises. Please make sure that you received the CD-ROM as part of your study material. The generic guide for all languages is merely an introduction, setting the scene so to say, for the CD-ROM which will guide you through the language specific study material. In other words, if you have chosen to acquire communication skills and learn about isiZulu, you should select isiZulu on the CD-ROM or the isiZulu guide uploaded under *Additional Resources* where you will find all the applications for your selected language. Note that the CD-ROM cannot function on a DVD player, but has to be played through a computer with the necessary software installed as explained in 3.1 below.

### 3.1 Windows Media Player

The multimedia on the CD-ROM was developed to work with MS Windows Media Player. If you experience problems when playing sound or video, make sure your Windows is set up so that the MS Windows Media Player automatically opens up when you click on the links.

### 3.2 Printing of language specific material

For your convenience a PDF version of the language specific material is included in the CD-ROM, so that you can print this material with ease if you so wish. The language specific guides are also available on *myUnisa* under *Additional Resources*, although the hyperlinks to listen to sound clips are inactive on this platform. The guides for Xitsonga, Siswati and isiNdebele have not yet been transferred to the CD-Rom, but can be accessed on *myUnisa* under *Additional Resources*.

### 3.3 Numbering of assignments

In this module you are expected to select **ONLY ONE** of the nine African languages that are on offer. For each language there are **two assignments** in the 101 Tutorial Letter: Answer only the assignments for your chosen African language. The first assignment is the same for all languages and you must number it Assignment 01. For the second (written) assignment you only need to answer the questions on the language you have chosen. Note that the numbering for the written assignment differs, depending on the language you have chosen as explained on page 12 of your 101 Tutorial Letter. For example, if you have decided to study Northern Sotho, your second assignment must be numbered Assignment 23, even though it will only be your second assignment for AFL1504. If you have chosen Tshivenda, your second assignment must be numbered Assignment 28, etc. Please make sure that you answer the correct assignments for the semester for which you are registered.

## 4 YOUR LECTURERS

Please feel free to contact us whenever you encounter problems. Please contact **only the lecturer(s) responsible for the language** you have chosen to study.

<b>isiZulu</b> (Zulu):	Mr CL Zwane zwanecl@unisa.ac.za 012 429 2447
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## 5 APPOINTMENTS WITH LECTURERS

There will be no face-to-face discussion classes for this module, instead you are welcome to make individual or group appointments with lecturers throughout the course of the semester. All lecturers are on the main campus of Unisa in Pretoria, Preller Street 1, Muckleneuk Ridge, Theo van Wijk Building. You are referred to section 4 in this tutorial letter for their contact details.

No video conferences are envisaged, but should we arrange any, you will be notified by sms well ahead of time. IsiZulu lecturers usually pay a visit to Pietermaritzburg and/or Durban to present discussion classes for other modules, but they will also be available to assist students who have chosen to study isiZulu in the beginners' modules (AFL1503 and AFL1504). We will notify you via sms or via an announcement on *myUnisa* of the time of their visit.

We sincerely hope that you will enjoy the module and wish you all the best in your studies.

Your AFL1504 lecturers.