

Somali Culture and Language Course

Course Description

This introductory course consists of six one-hour sessions that will cover a range of topics about Somali language, history, culture, and beliefs. This course is designed for individuals who have a desire to learn more about Somali people and to speak Somali words and phrases. What will participants learn? Participants will be able to:

- comprehend and speak common conversational greetings
- ask basic demographic information (name, address, date of birth)
- ask clarifying questions for better communication (i.e., I don't understand, Could you speak more slowly?)
- learn about Somalia and its history
- identify key beliefs of the Muslim religion
- discuss why Ramadan is important to the Somali culture
- describe the role of family in the Somali culture
- describe important holidays in the Muslim religion

Session 1-October 13

Introductions and a broad overview of Somali history and language

Session 2-October 20

Sharing of Instructor's Story; meet our Conversation Partners and sharing their stories. Learn greetings & opening phrases (i.e., hello, peace be with you, good morning, good afternoon, goodbye, etc.)

Session 3-October 27

Overview of the Muslim Religion, Somali Core Beliefs & Traditions, Family Roles: marriage, communal culture. Review greetings & learn how to use introductory phrases (i.e., What is your name, address, telephone number).

Session 4-November 3

Greeting each other/shaking hands, eye contact, personal space. Learn phrases specific to navigate communication (i.e. Does anyone speak English? I don't understand. Could you speak more slowly?)

Session 5-November 10

Food in daily life, important holidays, traditional and nontraditional clothing common in the Somali culture.

Session 6-November 17

Final Session-Review and practice conversation with partners & "final" conversation with the instructor.

Locations

NCTC – EGF
2022 Central Ave NE
East Grand Forks, MN 56721
Room # 149

NCTC -TRF Telepresence
1101 HWY 1 E
Thief River Falls, MN 56701
Room # 601

Hours

4:00pm – 5:00pm

Facilitator

Deka Ali, Bilingual Coordinator at East Grand Forks Public School

Cost

Free thanks to a grant from the Northwest Minnesota Foundation and through collaboration with Global Friends Coalition!

Registration

Registration is limited, please register by October 6, 2021 if you're able to commit to a minimum of 5 of the 6 classes.

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