

Yoruba Language and Literature



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**Intensive Summer
Course**

Benin, June - July 2016

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Yoruba Language and Literature Intensive Summer Course

From June 20 to July 31, 2016, the Institute for African Studies (IAS) at the African School of Economics (ASE) will offer a six-week Intensive Summer Course in Yoruba Language and Literature.

The IAS specializes on qualitative research with particular emphasis on African history, sociology and anthropology. In addition, the institute promotes African culture through the teaching of African languages, performing arts, and literary events for the community.

Yoruba is a West-African language spoken as a first language by about thirty million people across Benin, Nigeria and Togo. About one third of the Beninese population speak it and the Yoruba culture is heavily present in Benin. This program includes a one week stay with a Yoruba speaking family and two cultural trips to visit key historical sites in Benin.

About ASE

ASE is a continuation of the success of the Institute for Empirical Research in Political Economy (IERPE) founded by Professor Léonard Wantchekon (Princeton University) in 2004 in Cotonou, Benin.

The school aims to promote cutting-edge economic research, and innovative public policy as well as to contribute to African development. To that end, ASE has designed an innovative curriculum that includes teaching of African history in all of its academic programs. In addition ASE has set-up teaching and exchange partnerships with more than a dozen top universities, including Princeton University.

The school currently offers two graduate programs, a Master in Mathematics, Economics and Statistics (MMES) and a Master of Business Administration (MBA). Starting in 2016 ASE will also offer a Master in Public Administration and a Master in Development Studies (Economic History, Political Science and African Studies)



A total of 95 students enrolled at ASE for the academic year 2015-2016, coming from 15 different countries.

Faculty members (19) come from the US, Canada and Europe. ASE also hosts visiting scholars all year round.

Program (160 hours)*

Week 1:

- Basic writing rules and basic conversation (greetings, forms of address, polite questions...)

Week 2:

- Essential conversation strategies (getting around, food, introductions...) and reading basic texts (warnings, greetings...) and

Week 3:

- Conversational work on everyday situations (school, work and home) and reading simple texts (instructions, names of objects...)

Week 4:

- Conversational work on asking questions and explaining oneself and reading complex texts (newspaper headlines, advertisements...)

Week 5:

- Conversational work on discussing culture and writing basic and simple texts

Week 6:

- Field trip (students will stay in a Yoruba village living with Yoruba speaking families)

* Program based on beginner and intermediate levels; higher levels may be available upon request

Instructors

Moufoutaou Adjeran, holds a PhD in Sociolinguistics from University of Abomey-Calavi - UAC (Benin). He currently serves as professor of Sociolinguistics and Yoruba Language at UAC.

Akanni Mamoud Igue, holds a PhD in Linguistics from Nancy 2 University (France) and in Sociolinguistics from Lomé University (Togo). He currently serves as professor of Sociolinguistics and Yoruba Language at UAC.

Tuition and Living Expenses

Total estimated tuition costs: \$3,000

Total estimated living expenses (includes accommodation and meals): \$2500

 **Enrollment begins October 1, 2015**

To learn more about the program send an email to info@africanschoolofeconomics.com or call +1 (609) 258-2848 (Meritxell Roca, Program Manager)

