LING 308: The Languages of Africa

A third of the world’s languages are spoken in Africa. In this course the students will be given the opportunity to study Africans, their languages, and their cultures from the ground up, not only through textbooks and data sets but also through inquisitive explorations of African heritage through language projects. The course presents a survey of the languages of Africa, including typological and historical connections between languages; sound systems, word structures, sentence structures, semantics, and sociolinguistic properties of a representative selection of languages.