

Haitian Summer Institute (LACC /FIU)	Summer B 2019
Haitian Creole Language & Culture (HAI3500)	
Instructor: Nadève Ménard - nmenard@fiu.edu	Office hours: by appointment
Class Time and Room: Deuxième Maison (DM) 194 09:00 AM – 12:00 PM / 01:00 PM – 03:00 PM Monday - Friday	

Course description:

Haitian Creole Language and Culture will explore different aspects of the language in relation to Haitian culture. Students will be engaged in various communicative tasks in order to stimulate learning. Additional cultural and grammatical notions will be explored in relation to lessons introduced in class. Throughout the course students will be exposed to different aspects of Haitian culture through games, paintings, music, movies, and proverbs.

Course objectives:

Upon completion of the course, students should be able to:

- carry on a conversation in Haitian Creole, and in relation to the different themes studied in class,
- give the meaning of various expressions and proverbs used among Haitian Creole speakers on a daily basis
- take part in discussions about Haitian society, especially as related to Haiti’s linguistic situation and education.

Textbooks:

Léger, Frenand. 2011. *Pawòl Lakay*. Educa Vistion Inc.: Coconut Creek, Florida

*Valdman, Albert, Iskra Iskrova, Jacques Pierre, and Nicolas André. 2007. *Haitian Creole-English Bilingual Dictionary*. Creole Institute: Bloomington¹

Course Grade and Grading Scale:

Class Participation: 30%
 Quizzes: 30%
 Homework: 15%
 Essay: 25%

94-100= A	93-90= A-	89-87= B+
86-83= B	82-80= B-	79-77= C+
76-73= C	72-70= C-	60-69= D
Below 60= F		

¹ * not mandatory but very useful tool

CLASS POLICIES

Attendance & participation:

Class attendance is mandatory. Students will receive a participation grade based on daily participation. Students are expected to answer questions and participate in group activities each day. The class is highly interactive, so missing a class session or coming to class unprepared will have a negative impact on the language learning experience and will also affect student grades.

Homework & quizzes:

Students are expected to complete each homework assignment before class. Homework must be submitted on time. A total of three quizzes will be given. Fifteen minutes will be allowed for each quiz. They will be based on subjects discussed in class.

Essay:

Students are expected to write one essay at the end of the course. Essay topics will be provided. The essay should be a minimum of 2½ pages and a maximum of 4 pages. The final paper is due on Friday, July 12th.

Week 1 (July 1st to July 5th)

- Language and Society
- Poetry
- The conditional mode
- Education

Week 2 (July 8th – July 12th)

- Essay
- Music
- Tourism
- Travel & Transportation modes