Speak Swahili at Northwestern University

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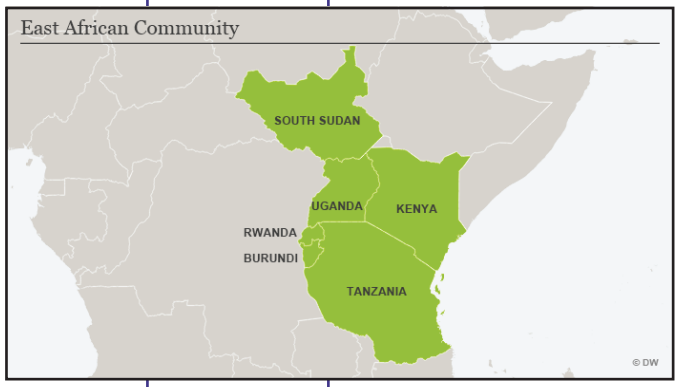

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Swahili is both the national and official languages in Kenya and Tanzania. It is the official language of the East African Community (EAC) which comprises of Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda, and South Sudan. It is also one of the official languages of the African Union (AU). Zimbabwe and South Africa plan to include Swahili as part of their K-12 students core curriculum. If your studies will take you to east Africa, this is the language to know!

Northwestern's Swahili classes are open to undergraduate and graduate students. There are three courses in sequence from Fall to Spring:

SWAHILI 111-1-20, 10001 Swahili I staff MoWeFr 10-10:50am
SWAHILI 111-1-21, 10002 Swahili I staff MoWeFr 1-1:50pm
SWAHILI 121-1-20, 10003 Swahili II staff MoWeFr 11-11:50am

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