

**Ministry of Education**

**Identified Competency Focus Areas and Core Courses for Ethiopian Higher Education Institutions’ Exit Examination**

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## Introduction

Curriculum for language training program in higher education is revised for various reasons. It is mostly based on result of assessment, demand, interest and skills of learner. This is determined by nationally designed common core standards. Likewise, the curriculum for Afan Oromo, Literature and Communication undergraduate program was revised and harmonized in 2020/21 academic year. Following then, eighteen (18) universities in Ethiopia are hosting Afan Oromo, Literature and Communication as undergraduate program using the new curriculum.

Currently, the FDRE Ministry of Education (MoE), is planning to introduce exit examination up on a successful completion of undergraduate program courses across universities found in the country which will start at 2022/23 academic year. University exit exam is a standardized comprehensive curriculum-based exam which is designed to assess if students have achieved the minimum competency that was stipulated in the graduate profile.

An exit examination is considered as a tool to measure what students` achieve from staying at university in terms of the three learning domains of Bloom taxonomy: cognitive, affective and psychomotor skills. In addition, exit exam is important to evaluate students` knowledge before their graduation. Also, it is a key in determining the direction of university whether it is meeting its mission objectives. The exit examination tests students` knowledge of their program learning outcomes as well as measuring the university`s educational quality. It is also important to assess students` competency in line with graduate profile stated in the curriculum.

This draft document is prepared to present the core competencies of graduate profile by categorizing courses which should be included in the preparation of exit exam for Afan Oromo, Literature and Communication as undergraduate program.

## Expected Profiles of Graduates`

Afan Oromo, Literature and Communication graduates are expected to:

* comprehend, analyze, review and interpret different Afan Oromo texts;
* teach Afan Oromo and literature primarily in high schools;
* provide guidance and consultancy services in their field of specialization to regional as well as national educational institutions and culture bureau;
* translate spoken Afan Oromo and written texts from source language to target language and vice versa
* conduct research on problems and issues pertaining to language and literature teaching
* Scrutinize, collect, and organize Oromo Literature.
* write letters, memos, reports, minutes, biographies, autobiography and varies things
* Analyze, interpret and evaluate Oromo prose fictions.
* Write, edit, evaluate, act and direct verse and drama.
* participate on language planning and standardization process
* collect, write, edit and report news for broad cast and print media
* Create good rapport between public and organizations
* Write and present varies imaginative work

## Competencies and Learning Outcomes

The graduates of Afan Oromo, Literature and Communication undergraduate program will demonstrate the following core competencies and Learning Outcomes:

* Reading and writing fluently and accurately
* Acquiring basic knowledge of Afan Oromo linguistics, literature, language skills and communication
* Analyzing Afan Oromo structures
* Managing communications
* Linking organizations with the public
* Writing and analyzing literary works such as short story, novel, poetry and drama
* Surveying, analyzing and critiquing literary discourse
* Editing, reporting, and analyzing media discourse
* Conducting and reporting language, literature and communication researches
* Participating in issues related to Oromo culture, literature, linguistics and media
* Identify and describe major forms of Oromo folklore
* Analyze and evaluate various discourses

## Courses to be included in the Exit Exam

There are 37 different courses in the curriculum of Afan Oromo, Literature and Communication undergraduate program. Courses for the exit exam were selected based on the expected graduate profile and competencies stated in the revised and harmonized curriculum. Based on the direction from the MoE, 15 courses are selected to assess students` knowledge, skill and attitude in the exit examination. The identified courses are presented in the following table.

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| S.no | **Title of the Course** | **Course code** | **Credit Hour** | **ECTS** | **Remark** |
|  | Afan Oromo Writing II | AfOL 2012 | 3 |  |  |
|  | Fundamentals of Literature | AfOL 2041 | 3 |  |  |
|  | Reading Skills | AfOL 2022 | 3 |  |  |
|  | Phonetics and Afan Oromo Phonology | AfOL 2061 | 3 |  |  |
|  | Survey of Oromo Literature | AfOL 2042 | 3 |  |  |
|  | Oromo Folklore | AfOL 3091 | 3 |  |  |
|  | Fundamentals of Journalism | AfOL 3101 | 3 |  |  |
|  | Oromo Poetry | AfOL 3081 | 3 |  |  |
|  | Afan Oromo Morphology | AfOL 2062 | 3 |  |  |
|  | Afan Oromo Syntax | AfOL 3071 | 3 |  |  |
|  | Language Research Methodology | AfOL 3122 | 4 |  |  |
|  | Introduction to Gadaa System | AfOL 4141 | 3 |  |  |
|  | Introduction to Communication | AfOL 4161 | 3 |  |  |
|  | Language Planning and Standardization | AfOL 4131 | 3 |  |  |
|  | Public Relations | AfOL 4162 | 3 |  |  |

## Categorizing Courses into Themes

The identified courses are categorized into four themes based on their relatedness: skills and research, Linguistics, Literature and Folklore, and communication.

## 5.1. Skills and Research related Courses

* Afan Oromo Writing II
* Reading Skills
* Language Research Methodology

## 5.2. Linguistics Courses

* Phonetics and Afan Oromo Phonology
* Afan Oromo Morphology
* Afan Oromo Syntax
* Language Planning and Standardization

## 5.3. Literature and Folklore Courses

* Fundamentals of Literature
* Survey of Oromo Literature
* Oromo Folklore
* Oromo Poetry
* Introduction to Gadaa System

## 5.4. Communication Courses

* Fundamentals of Journalism
* Introduction to Communication
* Public Relations

## Courses to Assess the three Learning Domains

To assess the three domains of learning, the selected courses are categorized as follows:

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| --- | --- | --- |
| **Cognitive Domain** | **Psychomotor Domain** | **Affective Domain** |
| * Fundamentals of Literature * Survey of Oromo Literature * Oromo Poetry * Phonetics and Afan Oromo Phonology * Afan Oromo Morphology * Afan Oromo Syntax * Oromo Folklore * Fundamentals of Journalism * Language Research Methodology * Language Planning and Standardization * Introduction to Gadaa System * Introduction to Communication and Public Relations | * Afan Oromo Writing II * Reading Skills * Phonetics and Afan Oromo Phonology * Afan Oromo Morphology * Afan Oromo Syntax, * Oromo Folklore * Fundamentals of Journalism * Language Research Methodology * Oromo Poetry | Oromo PoetryOromo FolkloreFundamentals of JournalismLanguage Planning and StandardizationIntroduction to Gadaa SystemIntroduction to Communication andPublic Relations |

## Conclusion

This draft document is prepared to highlight the major courses to be included in the implementation of Exit Examination for Afan Oromo, Literature and Communication undergraduate program students which is expected to start at 2022/23 academic year. To do this, out of all 37 courses of the program, 15 courses were identified to examine the graduate profiles and core competencies found in the curriculum.

The identified courses were thematically grouped into four major focus areas: Skills and Research, Literature and Folklore, Linguistics and Communication. To assess the desired knowledge, skill and attitude that students are expected to perform, 15 major courses within 4 core themes are suggested to be included in the exit examination for students trained under recently revised and harmonized curriculum.

The document also summarizes the major requirements which are expected from every graduates of Afan Oromo, Literature and Communication undergraduate program up on successful completion of the program.