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Twɔ (Akan)

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Twɔ (Akan) is a language spoken by the Akan people in Ghana, in West Africa. The Akan culture is rich in traditions of folklore, festivals, proverbs, riddles, songs and poems.

Why study Twɔ (Akan)?

- A less-commonly taught language, Twɔ is the native language of Ghana. Stand out from the crowd!
- Small classes with instruction by native speakers.
- There is a semester-long overseas study program in Legon, Ghana.
- Prepare for research in Ghana.
- Prepare yourself for a career in government or work with an international Non Governmental Organization (NGO).
- Employers and graduate schools highly value the skills acquired through the study of less commonly-taught languages.
- It is the major African language that has influenced African American culture.
- It is a truly foreign language.
- Be different!

Why study Twɔ (Akan) at UW-Madison?

- UW-Madison has the one and only Department of African Languages and Literature in the United States.
- UW-Madison has the one and only National African Language Resource Center which specializes in the teaching and learning of African languages.
- UW-Madison has a federally supported African Studies Program with some sixty faculty who offer Africa-related courses in many disciplines, e.g. history, anthropology, political science, art history, comparative literature, music, dance, etc.
- **Students majoring in African Languages and Literature may be eligible to receive a SMART Grant of \$4,000 for each of the third and fourth academic years of study. For more information, please visit <http://www.finaid.wisc.edu/smart.html>**
- There is a semester-long overseas study program in Legon, Ghana.

Courses

391 Language of West Africa (First semester Twɔ)

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