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## Did you know?

### Fun facts

In the classic Disney movie *The Lion King*, the song "Circle of Life" uses many Zulu phrases, such as:

*Ingonyama nengw' enamabala*  
(English: A lion and a leopard come to this open place),

*Nants ingonyama baghiti Baba*  
(English: Here comes a lion, Father),

and *Siyonqoba* (English: We will conquer).

The song "Siyahamba" is a South African hymn originally written in Zulu. It became popular in North American churches starting in the 1990s.

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Zulu

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## Zulu has 12 million first-language speakers

Zulu is spoken by about 24% of South Africa's population. It is also understood by over 50% of the population.

Zulu is a member of the Bantu language family. Zulu is the second most widely spoken Bantu language after Shona. Like many other Bantu languages, it is written using the Latin alphabet.

The Zulu language possesses several so-called click sounds typical of Southern African languages. These click sounds are not found in the rest of Africa.



"If you talk to a man in a language he understands, that goes to his head. If you talk to him in his own language, that goes to his heart."

Nelson Mandela

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## Courses & Minors

IsiZulu language courses use the communicative approach and develop proficiency in the four skills—oral expression, listening comprehension, reading, and writing—while also emphasizing cultural understanding. Zulu language courses can be used to meet the CAS language requirements.

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LD 211-212 Second Year Zulu  
LD 311-312 Third Year Zulu  
LD 411-412 Fourth Year Zulu  
LD 491/492 - Directed Study: Zulu

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AN 312 - Peoples & Cultures of Africa

MU 340 - Musical Cultures of the World  
HI 348 - Colonialism in Africa: Impact & Aftermath  
IR 351 - Africa in International Politics  
PO 378 - International Human Rights: Applying Human Rights in Africa  
AH 429 - Photography & Africa: Race & Representation  
AA 588 - Women, Power, & Culture in Africa  
AN 524 - Language & Culture Contacts in Contemporary Africa  
AN 532 - Literacy & Islam in Africa  
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