Dear Students,

As you are aware, your final portfolio serves as an “examination” for this module. In view hereof, it is vitally important to keep the following in mind:

1. You need to have a Title page for your portfolio, the title page is followed by your Table of contents, after the table of contents you start with an Introduction in which you tell us what the aim of the portfolio is (This counts 10% of your portfolio).
2. The main part of the portfolio consists of the Portfolio tasks listed below.
3. Finally, you also need a Resource list in which you acknowledge all the resources you have consulted.

The main part of the portfolio should consist of the following:

1. **First Portfolio Activity (20% of the total marks):** Your response to each of the five questions should be of a scholarly nature. In other words, you are not simply responding to questions asked by a friend. I will demonstrate the difference by means of question (a) of the first portfolio activity. The question is: “What language is your ‘mother tongue’, the language of your heart?” Should a friend ask you this question, you will probably simply say: “Sesotho is my mother tongue and the language of my heart”. However, for academic purposes you need to consider critically what the term “mother tongue” implies. You will then mention that in a multi-lingual country this term is used to refer to your first language, the language closest to your heart and the language in which you express yourself the easiest (also when you are too tired to think). You will then mention what your first language is and why you regard this particular language as your “mother tongue”.

   - This line of academic thinking applies to all the other questions. Take question (d) of the first portfolio activity for example, the question reads: “Do you agree that all the language(s) you know, and how you use it, reflect who you are as a person?” Should a friend have asked you this question, you might have answered with a mere “yes” or “no”. However, you will score no marks if you do so for academic purposes. For your portfolio, you need to think about your identity in a multicultural and multilingual society and how the various languages you speak have impacted on your identity in this environment.

2. **Second Portfolio Activity (30% of the total marks - 10% of the marks are awarded for your family tree, whilst 20% of the marks are awarded for your group identification and reference to the language(s) of the various groups):** As I have mentioned before, it is compulsory to add surnames to the family tree of your ancestors. Should you not do so, you will not be awarded any marks as it is the surnames which show the different family groups. You should also refer to the language(s) spoken by the various family groups. Keep in mind that the family tree needs to go down to the youngest member of the family. You also need to include your own name very prominently (and the names that you are called by). After having done the family tree, you need to discuss the different branches of your family (remember it counts 20%!!).

3. **Third portfolio activity: Assignment 04 (20% of the total marks):** **EVERYBODY NEEDS TO INCLUDE THEIR ASSIGNMENT 04 IN THE PORTFOLIO.**

   - You should also add to your original Assignment 04 the following:
     - Give us your own opinion about the events against the background of a new, modern world. Does everything still make sense, or have many rituals become outdated and unpractical?
     - Are the rituals still practiced as was done in the past, or have they been adapted to such an extent that they have lost their true meaning?
     - Comment on whether you have gone through a similar cultural practice and how you felt about it.
     - Remember that the focus of this module is on language matters, therefore you should make sure that you discuss the ceremony with reference to the specific language terms used with relation to specific aspects and stages of the ceremony.

   **PLEASE KEEP IN MIND THAT BEFORE YOU INCLUDE ASSIGNMENT 04 IN YOUR PORTFOLIO, YOU NEED TO IMPROVE IT ACCORDING TO MY COMMENTS.**

   - If you have scored less than 60% for your Assignment 04, you need to write a new assignment looking at the tips I have given in Discussions, All tips for written assignments, Tips for final portfolio.
   - If you have scored a mark between 60%-75%, you need to improve the assignment, following the feedback you have received. You also need to extend it with the information provided in # above
   - If you have scored 75% or more for your assignment, you can include it as it is, but you need to extend it with the information provided in # above.

4. **Fourth portfolio activity: Final Reflection (20% of the total marks):** Your final reflection is very important and should entail at least 800 words by means of which you have to tell us the following:

   - Tell us what you have learnt from this course about language, about how language influences who you are and how you act, and about how you have changed your view of language use during the course of this module.
   - Tell us how the following statement about Ubuntu apply to language use in your modern communal life in terms of the self and other: Ubuntu, the ability to show our humanity to others, manifests in communal life, community wholeness that goes beyond caring for one’s nuclear family. In your deliberation you need to reflect on all aspects dealt with during this module with reference to language usage. Keep these ideas in mind:
     a. Reflect on how people reveal who they are within the community through the language that they use and what it says about them in terms of Ubuntu. [Unit 4]
     b. Reflect on what the people who have named you demonstrated in terms of Ubuntu. Show language is used to form our attitudes and world view in terms of Ubuntu within these groupings. [Unit 3]
     c. Reflect on how our folklore express who we are a group of people are in terms of language usage. [Unit 4]
1. **Resource List.** Please keep in mind that in all tasks you should indicate from which source you have obtained your material. In this regard, keep the following in mind:

- You need to indicate from which source you have obtained your information. Keep in mind that you need to reference each source twice. Firstly, you refer to the source in the text where you have used the information. Secondly, you list the source under your references at the end of the assignment.

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- When you copy from Google, you need to specify the URL (web address from which the Google information or image was obtained). It is not enough to say “Google images”, or “with the assistance of Google”. You need to give the web address as well as the date and time at which you have accessed the information. This is necessary because information and images change on a daily basis.

- For all your references, you should use the HARVARD style of referencing (see the attached document).