

## **ALT 301: Theory and Methods in Oral Literature**

### **Unit Description**

The unit is an introduction to the theoretical approaches to the study of oral literature. It deals with the role of theory in the study of oral literature. The theories will then be applied in the analysis of oral literature material. Methods of collecting, recording and storing oral literature material will also be explored.

### **Unit Objectives**

- ❖ To describe various theoretical approaches to the study of oral literature.
- ❖ To use oral literature theory in analysing and interpreting oral literature material.
- ❖ To explain key methodological approaches to the collection, recording and transcribing oral literature material.
- ❖ To discuss concerns relating to translating and analysing oral literature material.

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