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CAPACITY STATEMENT

- I believe in team work as the key to success in any organization, thus, I instill in my students the discipline of team work, hard work, and personal development.
- My broad knowledge in Human Relation helps me to relate efficiently with co-workers to achieve maximum results.
- With my expanded Knowledge in French for Business purposes and diplomatic practice, I teach my students to adjust to the international business community, thus preparing them for the job market.

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

- French literature and diplomatic communication
- Literary negotiations
- Psycholinguistics
- Pragma linguistics
- French for specific purposes (Business French, French for diplomatic practice, French for hospitality management and Tourism)

SCHOLARLY ADDRESS

ResearchGate: <https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Richard-Baffour-Okyere>
Google Scholar: <https://scholar.google.com/citations?Richard-Baffour-Okyere>
Academia.edu: <https://uenr.academia.edu/RichardBaffourOkyere>

EMPLOYMENT

2021-to date: Senior Lecturer (University of Energy and Natural Resources, Sunyani)

- Head of Department, Languages and General Studies
- Member University Academic Board
- Member School Academic Board
- Head, Departmental Board
- Head, Department strategic planning committee
- Member, Council of convocation

2016-2020: Lecturer (University of Energy and Natural Resources, Sunyani)

- Ag. Head of Department, Languages and General Studies
- Lecturer: French language, Communication and French for Diplomatic Purposes
- Department Examination Officer (2018/19-2019/2020)
- Patron, Leadership Empowerment Club
- Chief Invigilator (2018/2019, 2019/2020)

- Board Member, UENR Credit Union
- Academic Board Member
- Member of School Board/ School Appointment Committee
- Chairman, French Year Abroad committee
- Member, School student's handbook committee
- Patron, Professional French Students Association
- Coordinator French multi-media center (2019-2020)
- Ag. Course coordinator (B.A Professional French)
- Ag. Coordinator of Languages section

2014- 2016: Assistant-Lecturer (University of Energy and Natural Resources, Sunyani)

- Asst-lecturer: French language, communication and French for Diplomatic Purposes
- Department Examination Officer (2018-2020)
- Patron, Leadership Empowerment Club
- Coordinator, French Club (2014-2016)

2017- date: Project lead/Consultant (Konapal.com)

- Development of educational software
- Corporate software solutions
- Mobile application software
- Web development.
- Sales and Marketing software

2016-date: Mentor/ Speaker: Barcamp Kumasi/ Sunyani

- Mentor, start-up founders and entrepreneurs
- Mentor, Yes-Ghana foundation (Youth for Social Change project)
- Speaker on Innovation, Leadership and Entrepreneurship
- Judge, Presidential Pitch Competition (UENR edition)
- Judge, Hultz Prize Competition

2009-2013: Part-Time Lecturer (University College of Management Studies, Kumasi)

- Assisted and taught French for communication and French for business purposes respectively
- Initiated a French language lab. to improve oral proficiency of students
- Established a French club to encourage usage of the French language

2008-2009: Teaching Assistant and Demonstrator (K.N.U.S.T, Kumasi)

- Prepared lesson notes and taught in the absence of lecturer
- Helped students with their assignments and project proposals
- Assisted lecturers with research papers and organized tutorials for students
- Introduced a press review platform for students to share ideas on current affaires

2005-2006: French Interpreter (PAMOJA Conference, Kabarak University, Kenya)

- In charge of interpreting and translating conference materials for francophone participants

- Trained translators and interpreters at the conference.

2004-2005: French instructor (Fresher's Complex School, Dome, Accra)

- Worked to achieve a 100% record at junior high school level in French
- Initiated the French week celebrations to encourage the speaking of French

2003-2004: Pharmacy Assistant (Septal Chemists Abeka, Accra)

- Served medical prescriptions to francophone customers which helped to expand our client base.
- Helped in translating guidance and counseling materials relating to health issues.

QUALIFICATIONS

2013-2020: Ph.D. in French with Diplomatic Practice (K.N.U.S.T), Submitted

Aug2017- Oct.2017: Certificate in Education: University of Franche-Comte, France.

2010- 2013: MPhil in French with Diplomatic Practice (K.N.U.S.T)

2004-2008: B.A. Honors in French (K.N.U.S.T)

2007-2008: International Diploma in Business Management and Administration, ICM, UK.

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

Fiadzawoo Jonas Kwabla, Achanso Adams Sulemana, **Okyere Richard Baffour**, (2018) *Reading in the digital age: An overview of the habits of students of the faculty of education UDS, Tamale*, Journal of Education Review, Vol. 10, Issue 2, 2018 pp. 89-101, ISSN:26591308

Richard. B. Okyere (2019) *De la littérature vers la diplomatie : Etude des éléments diplomatiques trouvés dans l'ouvrage, Une vie de boy, par Ferdinand Oyono*, Global Scientific journal, Vol.7, issue 6, pp. 1-22, ISSN 2320-9186

Serwah Sandra, Peter Appiahene, **Richard Baffour Okyere**, (2019). *Improving Writing and Speaking of French among Ghanaian Tertiary Students through Gamification*, Conference Paper: International Conference on Applied Science and Technology Conference.

Richard Baffour Okyere, Djato Tahiru, (2020). *Quand les écrivains engagés tournent vers la diplomatie : le cas d'Oyono, Césaire et de Senghor*, Benin, Laboratoire de Sociolinguistique, Dynamique des Langues et Recherches en Yoruba (LASODYLA-REYO), ReSciLac Vol.11, issue 4, pp:322- 331, ISSN : 1840-8001

Richard Baffour Okyere, Joseph Arimiyawu Abdulai (2020), *Etude des jeux et enjeux de la diplomatie dans l'œuvre : la guerre de Troie n'aura pas lieu de Jean Giraudoux*, Journal of

Humanities and Social Sciences, Intertextuel, Numéro 3, ISSN : 2663-239X, www.intertextual.univ-ao.edu.ci

Oduro Adinkra Justin, Francis Douglas Appiah, **Richard Baffour Okyere** (2021), *Impact de la musique de Lucky Mensah, Kwame Asare Obeng(A+), Shatta Wale et Barima Sidney sur la scène politique ghanéenne*, laboratoire de Sociolinguistique et didactique-SocioD No :6, (Lasodyla-Revo) ISSN: 1840-7994

Joseph Arimiyawu Abdulai, **Richard Baffour Okyere** (2020), *L'étiquetage morphosyntaxique supervisé des parties de discours du twi, une langue du Ghana*, Global Scientific Journal, Vol 8, issue 6, ISSN 232091 86

Richard Baffour Okyere, Cosmas Rai Amernovi, Ebenezar Oteng Preko, (2021), *Implementation of a language policy in Ghana, its challenges and the way forward: A case study of some basic schools in the Bono region of Ghana*. Revue Pluridisciplinaire, No: 13, Vol 2, ISSN: 1840-800

Yegblemenawo, S.A.M, Kodua, M. A, **Okyere R.B.**, (2022). *Placing languages and culture in interventions for sustainable national development in Ghana*. *Journal of Energy and Natural Resource Management*, 8(1). 38-53. <https://doi.org/10.26796/jenrm.v8i1.192>

Cosmas, R. A, **Okyere, R.B.**, (2022). *A Thematic Analysis of Anthems of Ghana's Public Universities: A case of six*. *Journal of Applied Linguistics and Applied Literature: Dynamics and Advances*, 10(1) Winter and Spring, 141-154, <https://doi:10.22049/jalda.2022.27539.1375>

Mawuloe, K. K, **Okyere, R. B**, Diallo, A. (2022) *Instrumentalisation de la comédie comme moyen de combat et de négociation vu par Jean Giraudoux et Ferdinand Oyono*. *Ziglobitha, Revue des Arts, Linguistique, Littérature et Civilisation, Université Peleforo Gon Coulibaly, Spéciale no :01, pp427-443*

BOOKS AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS

R.B. Okyere, (2019), *Take action now: how to convert your knowledge and ideas into concrete results*, Realise Concept, 2019, pp. 1-89, ISBN: 978-9988-54-574-1

R. B. Okyere, (2011) *The Power to become, all you need to know to become all you desire to become*, Realise Concept, 2011, pp.1-123, ISBN: 978-9988-1-5258-1

THESIS/ CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

1. **Richard Baffour Okyere** (2020), *l'écrivain engagé et le diplomate-écrivain : étude comparée des ouvrages littéraires de Ferdinand Oyono et de Jean Giraudoux*, PhD thesis, KNUST, Kumasi

2. **Richard Baffour Okyere** (2013), *La nouvelle bourgeoisie africaine vue par deux dramaturges ivoiriens Bernard Dadié (M. Thogo-gnini) et Bernard Zadi Zaourou (L'œil)*, M.phil thesis, KNUST online thesis portal

3. **Richard Baffour Okyere** (2008), Le déclin du système ferroviaire au Ghana, B.A Project work, KNUST, Kumasi
4. **Richard Baffour Okyere** (2022), The use of language as a negotiation tool in marketing communication: A psycholinguistic and pragmatic approach. Colloquium School of Arts and Social Science
5. **Richard Baffour Okyere** (2022), The role of language in cross-border trade negotiations in Africa: A case study of the French language. Colloquium on regional trade agreement and climate change
6. **Richard Baffour Okyere, Francis Douglas Appiah** (2022), L'aménagement de l'espace dans une classe de FLE et sa contribution à l'apprentissage du français : Le cas d'University of Energy and Natural Resources (UENR), Sunyani, 1st Ghana National French conférence
7. **Richard Baffour Okyere, Francis Douglas Appiah** (2022), Resolving Crises through literary diplomacy: A case study of the Trojan War will not take place by Jean Giraudoux, 4th School of Languages Conference, Legon

JOURNALS IN WHICH PAPERS ARE PUBLISHED

1. Journal of Educational Review
2. Global Scientific Journal
3. Laboratoire de Sociolinguistique Dynamique des Langues et Recherches en Yoruba
4. Journal of Humanities and Social Sciences
5. Laboratoire de Sociolinguistique et Didactique.
6. Revue Pluridisciplinaire
7. Ziglobitha, Revue des Arts, Linguistique, Littérature et Civilisation
8. Journal of Applied Linguistics and Applied Literature: Dynamics and Advances

SUBJECTS TAUGHT AT UENR

Course Code:	Title	Credit Hours
UENR 105	Introduction to French I	2
UENR 106	Introduction to French II	2
UENR 203	General French for communication I	2
UENR 204	General French for communication II	2
UENR 301	French for Oral communication	2
ULLF 209	Introduction to Professional French I	3
ULLF 250	Introduction to Professional French II	3
ULLF 355	Text-based and Oral Expression	3
ULLF 153	Oral Expression I	4
ULLF 154	Oral Expression II	4
ULLF 253	Intermediate Oral expression I	4
ULLF 254	Intermediate Oral expression II	4
ULLF 365	French for Diplomatic Practice I	3
ULLF 364	French for Diplomatic Practice II	3
ULLF 359	Advance French for Diplomatic Practice II	3

DUENR 105	Diploma Enterprise management	2
DUENR 105	Natural Resources Management	2

SEMINARS/ CONFERENCES

- PAMOJA Conference, Kabarak University, Kenya
(Building a new generation for a new Africa)
- Exist-strategy, (Bridging the gap between the lecture room and the job market)
(Divine Chain Consult)
- Teaching French on Radio organized by Radio France International (Zoom Conference)
- 1st National French Conference, Legon
- 4th School of Languages Conference, Legon
- Colloquium, Regional trade agreement and climate change

LANGUAGES SPOKEN: French (Excellent), English (Excellent), Spanish (good), Chinese (fair)

REFEREES:

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