

AFRICA 277
AFRICA: AN INTRODUCTORY SURVEY

Fall 1992

This course is offered through the history department this semester, but is cross-listed in Afro-American Studies, African Languages and Literature, Anthropology, Geography, Political Science, and Sociology.

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Course Schedule: M W F: 1:20-2:10 in B130 Van Vleck
Additional once a week section meetings--these
are obligatory and you must be officially registered in the
section that you attend.

Course Objectives: This is a multidisciplinary course that
provides students with an introduction to the African continent:
its cultures, history, arts, and contemporary issues.

The African Studies Program at the University of Wisconsin-
Madison has a large list of faculty who specialize in the study
of the African continent from various disciplinary perspectives.
We draw on these faculty members to lecture on the geographical
and disciplinary topics of their specialization. Your discussion
sections will allow you to integrate the readings and the
lectures and to consider in more detail some of the issues
raised.

Course Requirements: 1. Regular attendance at lectures and
discussion sections - attendance will be taken.

2. Completion of readings listed in the
syllabus by the discussion date in which they will be considered.

3. The student should be able to place the nations of Africa and the twenty capital cities listed below on a blank map of Africa. Blank maps may be purchased in the Supplies section of the bookstore. Purchase one to use as a study map. Use Map 2.6 on page 20 in your Understanding Contemporary Africa text to fill in your study map. There will be a map quiz in section meetings the third week of the course. Twenty five nations and ten capitals will be given to you and you must place them on a blank map that you bring to class that day. A passing grade is 28 correct answers. You must pass this quiz by December 2. If you do not pass it by this date you will receive a failing grade in the course. It may be retaken as many times as necessary. THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS.

List of Capitals

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| Abidjan | Khartoum |
| Windhoek | N'Djamena |
| Maputo | Harare |
| Tripoli | Kinshasa |
| Addis Ababa | Rabat |
| Mogadishu | Bamako |
| Dakar | Nouakchott |
| Freetown | Conakry |
| Lagos | Nairobi |
| Dar es Salaam | Libreville |

4. Exams will cover material from the readings, lectures, discussion sections, and films. They will be essay, short answer, fill in the blank and multiple choice. The Final Exam will have one comprehensive essay question.

First Exam - Oct. 7 - 30% of grade
 Second Exam - Nov. 4 - 30% of grade
 Final Exam - Dec. 18 - 30% of grade

The remaining 10% of your grade will be your performance in discussion sections and attendance.

Required books: April A. Gordon & Donald L. Gordon,
Understanding Contemporary Africa
 Mariama Ba, So Long a Letter
 E. Joubert, Poppie Nongena
 H.A.R. Gibb, Mohammedanism [sic]
 Readings assigned by individual professors, on reserve in the College Library, Helen C. White Hall and listed with particular lectures

Lecture and Readings Schedule

Wed., Sept. 2 - Introduction to the Course: K. Green, J. Alie,
 C. Skidmore-Hess and Eileen McNamara

Fri., Sept. 4 - James Delehanty, Department of Geography
"Geography of Africa" with slides

Reading: Contemporary Africa, Chapter 2, "Africa: a
Geographic Preface" (DT30.5 U536 1992)

Mon., Sept. 7 - Labor Day Holiday

Wed., Sept. 9 - Michael Roth, Land Tenure Center
"Zimbabwe's 1992 Land Reform: Quasi-Market vs.
Non-Market Options for Land Reform."

Reading: "A Critique of Zimbabwe's 1992 Land Act: Quasi
Market vs. Non-Market Options for Land Reform" [to appear in M.
Rukuni and C. K. Eicher, eds. Beneath the Surface of Zimbabwe's
Agricultural Revolution, University of Zimbabwe and University of
California Press, 1993.] Photocopies on reserve in College
Library Reserve room.

Fri., Sept. 11 - Bert Adams, Sociology Department
"Traditional Family and Kinship"

Reading: Brian Siegel, "Family and Kinship," Chapter 8 in
Understanding Contemporary Africa (DT30.5 U536 1992)

Mon., Sept. 14 - Kathryn Green, History Department
"Islam"

Reading: H.A.R. Gibb, Mohammedanism (BP50 G5 1962)

Wed., Sept. 16 - Antonia Schleicher, African Lang. & Lit.
"Yoruba Language and Culture"

Reading: Awoniyi, Timothy A. "Omoluwabi: The Fundamental
Basis of Yoruba Education." Yoruba Oral Tradition, edited by
Abimbola, Wande. (PL8823.5 S451 1974--several photocopies of
article are also available on Reserve)

Fri., Sept. 18 - Paul Barrows, Associate Dean of Graduate School
"The Role of Cape Verde in the Atlantic Slave Trade:
African and African-American Connections"

Reading: Basil Davidson, The Fortunate Isles, Africa World
Press, 1989. Parts One and Two, pp. 1-47. (DT671 C25 D38 1989)

Mon., Sept. 21 - Cathy Skidmore-Hess, History Department
"Kimpa Vita and the Antonian Movement: Africa
religious traditions in the 17th century Kongo"

Reading: Contemporary Africa, Chapter 10, "Religion in
Africa" (DT30.5 U536 1992)

Wed., Sept. 23 - Martin David, Economics Department
"Problems of Economic Development in Africa"

Reading: TO BE ANNOUNCED
Contemporary Africa, Chapter 6, "Population Growth
and Urbanization" (DT30.5 U536 1992)

Fri., Sept. 25 - Joe Alie, History Department
"Sierra Leone: From Abolition of the Slave Trade to
Contemporary Issues"

Reading: Joe A. D. Alie, A New History of Sierra Leone.
St. Martin's Press, 1990, Chapters 3 and 11. (DT516.5 A45 1990)

Mon. Sept. 28 - Kathryn Green, History Department
"Europe Carves Up the Continent"

Readings: Thomas O'Toole, "Historical Context," Chapter 8
in Understanding Contemporary Africa, pp. 21-48. (DT30.5 U536
1992)

Wed., Sept. 30 - Aliko Songolo, Departments of French & Italian
and African Lang. and Lit.

"Historical Overview of Francophone African Literature"

Reading: Aliko Songolo, Signs and Signatures in African
Literature." In Developments in Linguistics and Semiotics,
Language Teaching and Learning, Communication Across Cultures,
ed. by Simon Battestini. 1987, Georgetown University Press. pp.
255-267. (P21 G4 1986)

Fri. Oct. 2 - Sheikh Kamarah, Dept. of African Lang. & Lit.
"Traditional African Poetry and its Role in an African
Society"

Reading: Ruth Finnegan, Oral Literature in Africa, section
on poetry. SPECIFIC CITATION TO BE ANNOUNCED

Mon., Oct. 5 - Mary Lou Daniel, Spanish & Portuguese Department
"Lusophone African Literature Before During and After
the Revolution--from the Exotic to the Contextual"

Reading: Mimeographed poetry selection; on reserve in the
College Library, Helen C. White.

Wed., Oct. 7 - FIRST EXAM

Fri., Oct. 9 - Robert Koehl, History Department
"Pre-Colonial and Colonial Education"

Readings: David G. Scanlon, ed. Traditions of African
Education. New York, 1964, pp. 1-26. (LA1501 S4)

Mon., Oct. 12 - Robert Tabachnick, Associate Dean of Education
"Contemporary African Education"

Reading: Julius Nyerere, "Education for Self-Reliance" in
Uhuru na Ujamaa: A Selection from Writings and Speeches 1965-
1967. Any edition. (DT 446 N9 A48)

BEGIN READING POPPIE NONGENA (PT6592.2 078 S913)

Wed., Oct. 14 - Joe Corry, University Administration
"The Background to Apartheid: South Africa from 1650-1948"

Readings: Contemporary Africa, Chapter 12, pp. 283-97.
(DT30.5 U536 1992)

Fri. Oct. 16 - Soriba Sylla, Political Science Department
"South Africa Since 1948"

Reading: Contemporary Africa, Chapter 12, pp. 283-97.
(DT30.5 U536 1992)

Mon. Oct. 19 - TO BE ANNOUNCED

Wed. Oct. 21 - TO BE ANNOUNCED

Fri., Oct. 23 - Joanne Csete, Nutritional Sciences
"Overview of Nutritional Problems in Africa"

Readings: Phillips Foster, The World Food Problem, Lynne
Rienner, 1992, Chapter 5--pp. 85-102. (HD9018 D44 F68 1992)

Mon. Oct. 26 - Marilyn Little, Geography Department
"The Biological rationale for the Development of the
African Continent, with specific references to East Africa"

Readings: Julius E. Nyang'oro "Africa's Environmental
Problems," Chapter 7 in Understanding Contemporary Africa

Wed. Oct. 28 - TO BE ANNOUNCED

Fri., Oct. 30 - TO BE ANNOUNCED

Mon., Nov. 2 - Henry Drewal, Art History and Afro-American
Studies

"Masking traditions in Africa"

Reading: TO BE ANNOUNCED

Wed., Nov. 4 - SECOND EXAM
BEGIN READING, Mariama Ba, So Long a Letter.

Fri., Nov. 6 - Stanlie James, Afro-American Studies and Women's Studies

"Contemporary African Women"

Readings: Contemporary Africa, Chapter 9, "Women and Development," pp. 201-21. (DT30.5 U536 1992)

Margaret Jean Hay and Sharon Stichter, eds., African Women South of the Sahara, Longman, 1984. Part One, pp. 1-50. (HQ1788 A57 1984)

Mon., Nov. 9 - John Bruce, "Land Tenure, Agricultural Development and Resource Conservation in Africa"

Readings: TO BE ANNOUNCED

Wed., Nov. 11 - Edris Makward, African Lang. & Lit.

"Contemporary African Literature"

Readings: Contemporary Africa, Chapter 11, "African Literature," pp. 251-81.

Fri. Nov. 13 - JoEllen Fair, Journalism Department

"African Cinema"

Reading: TO BE ANNOUNCED

Mon. Nov. 16 - Aili Tripp, Political Science and Women's Studies

"The Informal Economy in Africa Today"

Readings: Contemporary Africa, Chapter 5, "The Economies of Africa," pp. 87-121. (DT30.5 U536 1992)

Aili Tripp, "Women and the Changing Urban Household Economy in Tanzania." Journal of Modern African Studies 27, 4 (1989):601-623. (Memorial Lib. AP J83 M686)

Wed. Nov. 18 - Cliff Thompson, Law School, Chairman of African Studies Program

"African Legal Systems"

Reading: Cliff F. Thompson, "The Sources of Law in the New Nations of Africa: A Case Study from the Republic of the Sudan Law: Sudan as a Case Study" In Africa and Law, edited by Thomas W. Hutchison, et al. University of Wisconsin Press, 1968, pp. 133-74. (K O.1 A257)

Fri. Nov. 20 - Crawford Young, Political Science Department, Acting Dean, College of Letters & Science

"Nationalism in Africa"

Reading: Basil Davidson, The Black Man's Burden: Africa and the Curse of the Nation State. New York: Times Books, 1992, pp. 290-322.

Mon. Nov. 23 - TO BE ANNOUNCED

Wed., Nov. 25 - Earl Gritton, "Crop production in the Gambia with some discussion of gender differences"

Reading: Judith Carney and Michael Watts, "Disciplining Women? Rice, Mechanization, and the Evolution of Mandinka Gender Relations in Senegambia." Signs 16, 4 (Summer 1991):651-681. Photocopy on reserve.

Recommended Reading: "Putting Farmers First", Agricultural Research in the Gambia, May 1990. Personal copy on reserve.

Mon., Nov. 30 - Michael Chamberlain, History Department
"Egypt and Africa"

Reading: TO BE ANNOUNCED

Wed. Dec. 2 - Freida Tesfagiorgis
Contemporary African Art

Readings: TO BE ANNOUNCED

Fri., Dec. 4 - Michael Schatzberg, Political Science
"Political Trends Since Independence"

Reading: Contemporary Africa, Chapter 4, "African Politics," pp. 51-85. (DT30.5 U536 1992)

Mon., Dec., 7 - Betty Wass, African Studies Program
"African Textiles"

Reading: "Making the Transition from Cultural Statement to Macy's," New York Times (July 26, 1992):10. Photocopy on Reserve.

Wed., Dec., 9 - Richard Barrows, "Institutions, Natural Resources and Development"

Fri., Dec., 11 - Lois Anderson, School of Music
"Music in Africa"

Reading: Ruth M. Stone, "African Music Performed." Africa Phyllis M. Martin and Patrick O'Meara. Second Edition. 1986, pp. 233-48. (DT3 A23 1986)

Mon., Dec. 14 - TO BE ANNOUNCED

Fri., Dec. 18, 12:25 - 2:25 - FINAL EXAM