



GEOGRAPHY FINAL COURSE OUTLINE FALL 2010

GEOGRAPHY 377

H (3-0) Area II

AFRICA (SOUTH OF THE SAHARA)

Timetable: Lec 01 Monday-Wednesday- Friday 14:00-14:50 ES 443

Please note: the appropriate emergency evacuation assembly point for classes taught in Earth Sciences is ICT food court.

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Overview of course content:

This course explores the diversity and heritage of, and the daunting issues which face the peoples and nations of Africa. The historical-political background is established through an examination of the pre-colonial and colonial eras. The course then progresses thematically to focus on cultural diversity, population, the harsh environment, rural and urban economies, social themes such as women, education, health and conflict between nomads and farmers, African cities and African development.

Prerequisite: A previous course in Geography or consent of the Department.

Basis Text: Stock, R. (2004) Africa South of the Sahara. New York: Guilford.

Grading:

I.	Mid-term exams:	
	1. Midterm exam One	
	(including map test)- Tues. Oct. 6	25%
	2. Midterm exam Two	
	Tuesday Nov. 17	25%
II.	Term Paper: Answer one of three questions	30%
	Due: Tues. Dec 1	
III.	Book/ Movie review	10%
	Due: Tues. Oct. 29	
IV.	In class participation (including groups)	10%

There is NO final exam in this course. It is not necessary to pass every component to pass the course.



Grading System:

A+	90-100	B+	77-79	C+	67-69	D+	55-59
A	85-89	B	74-76	C	64-66	D	50-54
A-	80-84	B-	70-73	C-	60-63	F	0-49

Plagiarism

Academic dishonesty is not an acceptable activity at the University of Calgary and students are **strongly advised** to read the Student Misconduct section in the University Calendar. Quite often, students are unaware of what constitutes academic dishonesty or plagiarism. The most common are 1) presenting another student's work as your own 2) presenting an author's work or ideas as your own without proper referencing and 3) using work completed for another course. This activity will not be tolerated in this course and students conducting themselves in this manner will be dealt with according to the procedures outlined in the calendar.

Disability Resource Centre Accommodations

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Re: Posting of Grades and Picking-up of Assignments

- Your individual grades will be available only to you on Blackboard by password access. Grades will **not** be available at Geography's main office.

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- SU Faculty Rep. Phone: 220-3913 and e-mail: socialscirep@su.ucalgary.ca

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DETAILED COURSE OUTLINE

WEEK	Week of	UNIT	TEXT READINGS
1	Sept. 6	Introduction	Chs. 1& 2 Ekwe-Ekwe (2010)
2	Sept.13	1. Pre-colonial and Colonial Africa Prehistory, empires, slave trade, exploration, Colonization.	Chs. 7& 8
3	Sept.20	2. Cultural Diversity Culture, ethnicity, language, religion, kinship	Ch. 3
4	Sept.27	3.Dynamics of Population Demography, fertility, migration, stages of growth, cultural factors.	Chs. 10, 11, 12
5	Oct. 4	Midterm Exam One (25%) 4. Environment Climate, drought, pests, diseases, desertification, traditional adaptations, fuelwood crisis.	Chs. 5& 6 Yembilah, Grant and Draper (2009)
6	Oct. 11	5. Rural Economies Indigenous food production, development, food security	Chs. 13, 14 &15
7	Oct. 18	Catch up	
8	Oct. 25	6. Urban Economies and Societies Traditional cities, urban economy, housing	Chs. 16, 17&18
9	Nov. 1	7. Women and Children in African Society	Chs. 19&20
10	Nov.8	Reading Day	
11	Nov. 15	Midterm Exam Two (25%) 8. HIV/AIDS	Ch. 21
12	Nov. 22	9. African Economies Structural adjustment, local self-reliance	Chs. 25,26,
13	Nov 29	10 African Economies Poverty, national economies, aid, debt	Ch 27

Notes on Geography 377

This course represents a comprehensive Geography of Africa south of the Sahara. Students are expected to come to class prepared (i.e. having completed text readings ahead of time) and to play an active role in class discussions. Since everyone will specialize in one particular African country, you should be aware of events happening in that country and region over the term. The course is meant to run as a mini 'United Nations of Africa' and everyone will have an active role to play. The 10% class participation mark will include coming to class prepared, staying up-to-date on current events in Africa, and taking part in class and group (village) discussions.