

University: Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne
Course: **HIST 332 Africa History: Colonial Rule/Independent**
Semester: Fall August 24-December 20, 2009
Meeting: Tuesdays and Thursday 1:30-2:45 PM: KT 120
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I. DESCRIPTION:

This course will mainly focus on the colonial Africa history period from the time of the partition of Africa to the present. Through different studies students will be able to grasp the colonial European mentality and African experiences and perspectives through cultural and historical ideas and examine how African history, politics, economics, and social organizations contributed to their survival during the late period of slavery and slave trade, religious conflicts and colonial imperialism

II. PURPOSE OF THE COURSE

The course's purpose will be to foster aspects of Africa's colonial invasion and the subsequent emergence of resistance, independence, post-colonialism and neocolonialism. Key themes will be: Aspects of pre-colonial Africa (1870-1884), The scramble for and partition of Africa (November 1884-February 1885), The struggle for independence (1950s-1994), and The contemporary Neo-colonialism practices, wars, diseases, poverty, illiteracy, corruption and Nation building (1950s to the present). Students will also learn for themselves to appreciate some of the global contributions of Africa in areas of politics, education, economics, religious thoughts, and social organizations.

III. TEXTBOOKS and ARTICLES: REQUIRED

BOOKS

1. Phyllis M. Martin and Patrick O'Maera (eds.) *Africa* [3rd edition]

2. Herbert T. Neve, (eds) *Homeward Journey: Readings in African Studies*

ARTICLES

1. Andreason, Stefan. "Orientation and African Development Studies: The Reductive Repetition Motif in Theories of African Underdevelopment." *Journal of Third World Quarterly*, 26, 6, (2005): 971-986.
2. Branch, Daniel. "Loyalists, Mau Mau, and Elections in Kenya: The First Triumph of the System, 1957-58." *AfricaToday*, 53, 2 (winter 2006):27-50.
3. Bonner, Philip. "'The Great Migration and 'The Greatest Trek': Some Reflections." *Journal of Southern African Studies*, 30, 1, (March 2004): 87-114.
4. Cheeseman, Nic. "Introduction: Political Linkage and Political Space in the Era of Decolonization." *AfricaToday*, 53, 2 (winter 2006):3-24.
5. Ikuenobe, Polycarp. "Colonialism in Africa Culturally Induced Moral Ignorance, and the Scope of Responsibility." *Journal of the Theory of Social Behaviour*, 28, 2 (1998): 109-128.
6. Pillay, Devan. "Globalization in the New Millenium: Implications for Development and Democracy in Africa." *Society in Transition*, 34 (2) (2003): 252- 272.
7. Pfaff, William. "A New Colonialism? Europe must go back into Africa." *Foreign Affairs*, January-February (1995):1-6.
8. Wa Muiu, Mueni. "Civilization" and Trial: The Colonial and Postcolonial State in Africa." *Journal of Third World Studies*, XXV, 1, (2008): 73-93.

III. GRADING: Your grade will be determined as follows:

475-500= A+
450-474= A
425-449= A-
400-424= B+
375-399= B
350-374= B-
325-349= C+
300-324= C
275-299= C-
250-274= D+
225- 249= D
200-224= D-
199 and below= F

1. Thee popup exams, attendance and participation **[50 points]**
2. A Three double-spaced page article review and oral presentation to be done in a group **[75 points] [Due September 24]**

- Group [a] Article: Wa Muiu, Mueni. "Civilization" and Trial: The Colonial and Postcolonial State in Africa." *Journal of Third World Studies*, XXV, 1, (2008): 73-93.
- Group [b]. Branch, Daniel. "Loyalists, Mau Mau, and Elections in Kenya: The First Triumph of the System, 1957-58." *AfricaToday*, 53, 2 (winter 2006):27-50.
- Group [c] Labanca, Nicola. "Colonial Rule, Colonial Repression and War Crimes in the Italian Colonies," *Journal of Modern Italian Studies*, 6, 3 (2004):300-313.
- Group [d] Adjibolosoo, Senyo. "Ghana at Fifty Years Old: A Critical Review of the Historical Genesis of Why Ghanaians are Where They are Today," *Review of Human Factor Studies*, 13, 1 (2007):6-40.
- Group [e] Lwanda, John. "Poets, Culture and Orature: A reappraisal of the Malawi Political Public Sphere, 1953-2006," *Journal of Contemporary African Studies*, 26, 1 (January 2008):71-101.

3. **Mid-Semester Exam [120 points] [October 8]**
4. An eight double-spaced research paper (more information to be provided in class) **[75 points] [November 24]**. *You will be required to send/e-mail or bring hard copies to class for each student before the due date. Each student will do a 5 minute oral presentation of their research papers.*
5. **A final exam. [180 points] [Thursday December 17]: 1:30-2:30**

IV. POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

ATTENDANCE: This class follows the University's attendance policy which I will use to reduce your grade for excessive unexcused absences. Excusable absences include death of immediate family member (child, spouse, sibling, or parent), legal proceeding, campus closure, or documented medical reasons. All other absences are considered unexcused. Remember absences during your presentation will adversely impact your grade. It is the instructor's final decision to accept an excuse or deny it and the sooner you can contact the instructor on your likely absence the better. I will be keeping attendance log.

CHEATING/PLAGIARISM: Cheating or plagiarism is the worst enemy to your academic success. Anyone who cheats or plagiarizes will receive an F grade and be reported to the advisory board

DISABILITIES: IPFW comply with a policy that if you have or acquire a disability and would like to find out what special services and accommodations may be available to you, you should contact Services for Students with Disabilities in WU 113 (481-6657, voice/TTY).

FOODS: Eating in class is considered a disturbance and for that matter highly discouraged. However, non alcoholic drinks are allowed

PUNCTUALITY is my number one friend. Students should be in class exactly or before the time assigned. Lateness in class will affect your class participation points.

CELL PHONES: As we become more high tech we must also remember the irritation that cell phones cause in class. My rule is that cell phones should be turned off or silent mode during class and exam hours. If you need to call or text, do that before class or as soon as we are done with class.

DUE DATES: It is your responsibility to remember the due dates and times of assigned readings, assignments, and exams. Late papers will only be acceptable if you had an excuse from me prior to due date.

NOTE: Some guidelines will pop up in class if need be as the semester continues

V. COURSE OUTLINE

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| Week 1 | August 25
Introduction, Course review and class guidelines |
| | August 27
General survey of African history (<i>Homeward</i> (introduction; <i>Africa</i> , chapter 1) |
| Week 2 | September 1
Geography and Traditional Africa (<i>Homeward</i> , chapter 15) |
| | September 3
Geography and Traditional Africa (<i>Homeward</i> , chapters, 16 & 17) |
| Week 3 | September 8
African Social Organization and thought (<i>Africa</i> , chapter, 9; <i>Homeward</i> , 14) |
| | September 10
Understanding Africa as a continent and its history
<i>Africa</i> , chapter 2, <i>Homeward</i> , chapters 5, 11 & 12] |
| Week 4 | September 15
The Peoples of Africa, their music and literature (<i>Africa</i> , 15) |
| | September 17
Social change in contemporary Africa
(<i>Africa</i> , chapter 16) |
| Week 5 | September 22
The Peoples of Africa during slavery and before the European colonialism (<i>Africa</i> , chapter 6) |

September 24: Three Page Review Due and Oral Presentation
[Every group will have 15 minutes of oral presentation]

- Week 6** **September 29-**
Africa: slavery and migrations. (*Homeward*, pp. 203-4, chapters 23 & 24)
- October 1**
East Africa Slavery and economies, (*Homeward*, chapters 25, 26)
- Week 7** **October 6**
Africa Slavery in Picture
Watch film, read an article and (*Homeward*, chapter 27, 28).
- October 8**
Mid-Semester Exam
- Week 8** **October 13 Fall Recess**
- October 15**
The colonial Era, (*Africa*, chapter 7; *Article*: Pfaff, William. "A New Colonialism? Europe must go back into Africa." *Foreign Affairs*, January-February (1995):1-6.
- Week 9:** **October 20**
The struggles of South Africa (*Homeward*, chapters 35 & 37): Apartheid and black resistance in South Africa (*Africa*, Chapter 21)
- October 22: continuation**
The struggles of South Africa (*Homeward*, chapters 35 & 37): Apartheid and black resistance in South Africa (*Africa*, Chapter 21)
- Week 10** **October 27**
Popular culture in contemporary Africa, (*Africa* chapters 14)
- October 29**
Responsible Africans or Not? Article: Ikuenobe, Polycarp. "Colonialism in Africa Culturally Induced Moral Ignorance, and the Scope of Responsibility." *Journal of the Theory of Social Behaviour*, 28, 2 (1998): 109-128.
- Week 11** **November 3**

British Explorers and Arabs in Africa (*Homeward*, chapter 22; *Africa*, chapter 5,

November 5

Culture, law and society in Contemporary Africa (*Africa*, chapter 17)

Week 12

November 10

Europeans in West Africa (*Homeward*, 11 & 12);
Article: Newell, Stephanie. "Dirty Whites: "Ruffian-Writing" in Colonial West Africa," *Research in African Literature*, 39, 4 (winter 2008):1-13.

November 12

Conquest, resistance and transformation in Africa, (*Africa*, chapter 7; *Homeward*, chapters 35 & 36)

Week 13

November 17

Conquest, resistance and transformations in Central Africa (*Homeward*, chapter 13, 22)

November 19

African nationalism and political freedom, (*Homeward*, chapter 29-32). Article: Pillay, Devan. "Globalization in the New Millennium: Implications for Development and Democracy in Africa." *Society in Transition*, 34 (2) (2003): 252- 272.

Week 14

November 24: Research Paper due: [5 minute oral presentation by every student]

November 26: Thanksgiving Break

Week 15

December 1

African Economic, Political, and continental crises (*Africa*, chapter 20),

December 3

Post-Colonial African Politics (*Africa*, chapter 18; *Homeward*, chapters 33-34)

Week 16

December 8

African Politicians Protest, (*Homeward*, chapters 37 & 38)

December 10

Exam Reviews & General discussions

Week 14-20: EXAM WEEK NO CLASS (Exam preparations)

Final Exam Thursday December 17: 1:30-2:30PM