



GEOGRAPHY FINAL COURSE OUTLINE: FALL 2012
GEOGRAPHY 377
H(3-0)

Sub-Saharan Africa

Section	Days	Times	Location
LEC01	MoWeFr	14:00 - 14:50	SB 144

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Please note: The appropriate emergency evacuation assembly point for all classes taught in Science B is ICT Food court.

Official Course Description:

This course examines the dimensions and underlying causes of issues facing African Peoples: the colonial legacy, fragile environment, cultural and political diversity, population growth and the explosion of cities, resources development, urbanization and economic challenges.

Prerequisite:

Any course in Geography or consent of the Department.

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

Grading (Weighting):

I. Mid-term exams:

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| 1. Mid-term Exam One- October 15 | 30% |
| 2. Mid-term Exam Two- November 23 | 30% |

II. Written Assignments:

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| 1. Term Paper Outline – October 1 | 5% |
| 2. Movie Review – November 9 | 10% |
| 3. Term Paper – December 7 | 25% |

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

For additional detailed course information posted by the Instructor see Blackboard at:
<http://blackboard.ucalgary.ca/>

Writing across the Curriculum

Writing skills are not exclusive to English courses and, in fact, should cross all disciplines. The University supports the belief that throughout their University careers, students should be taught how to write well so that when they graduate their writing abilities will be far above the minimal standards required at entrance. Consistent with this belief, students are expected to do a substantial amount of writing in their University courses and, where appropriate, members of faculty can and should use writing and the grading thereof as a factor in the evaluation of student work. The services provided by the Writing Centre in the Effective Writing Office can be utilized by all undergraduate and graduate students who feel they require further assistance.

Principles of Conduct

The University of Calgary Calendar includes a statement on the Principles of conduct expected of all members of the University community (including students, faculty, administrators, any category of staff, practicum supervisors and volunteers) whether on or off the University's property. This statement applies in all situations where the members of the University community are acting in their University capacities. All Members of the University Community have a responsibility to familiarize themselves with this statement which is available at:
<http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/j-2.html>

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.
<http://www.ucalgary.ca/honesty/plagiarism>

Disability Resource Centre Accommodations

If you are a student with a documented disability who may require academic accommodation and have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre, please contact their office at 220-8237. Students who have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre are not eligible for formal academic accommodation. You are also required to discuss your needs with your instructor no later than fourteen (14) days after the start of this course.

Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy

FOIP: The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) legislation disallows the practice of having students retrieve assignments from a public place, e.g., outside instructor's office, the department office, etc. Term assignments will be returned to students individually, during class or during the instructor's office hours; if students are unable to pick up their assignments from the instructor, they provide the instructor with a stamped, self-addressed envelope to be used for the return of the assignment.

Re: Posting of Grades and Picking-up of Assignments

- All assignments will be handled through Blackboard or personally.
- Their own grades will be available to each student on Blackboard by password access. Grades will **not** be available at Geography's main office.

Contact Information for Student and Faculty Representation

- SU VP Academic Phone: 220-3911 and e-mail: suvpaca@ucalgary.ca
- SU Faculty Rep. Phone: 220-3913 and e-mail: arts1@ucalgary.ca
- The students ombudsman office information can be found at:
<http://www.su.ucalgary.ca/page/affordability-accessibility/su-structure/contact-info>

Campus Safewalk

Campus Security, in partnership with the Students' Union, provides the Safewalk service, 24 hours a day, to any location on Campus including the LRT, parking lots, bus zones and University residences. Contact Campus Security at 220-5333 or use a help phone, and Safewalkers or a Campus Security officer will accompany you to your Campus destination.

Faculty of Arts Program Advising and Student Information Resources

- Have a question, but not sure where to start? The new Faculty of Arts Program Information Centre (PIC) is your information resource for everything in Arts! Drop in at SS110, call us at 403-220-3580 or email us at artsads@ucalgary.ca. You can also visit the Faculty of Arts website at <http://arts.ucalgary.ca/undergraduate> which has detailed information on common academic concerns.
- For program planning and advice, contact the Student Success Centre (formerly the Undergraduate programs Office) at (403) 220-5881 or visit them in their new space on the 3rd Floor of the Taylor Family Digital Library.
- For registration (add/drop/swap), paying fees and assistance with your Student Centre, contact Enrolment Services at (403) 210-ROCK [7625] or visit them at the MacKimmie Library Block.

Contact for Students Union Representatives for the Faculty of Arts:

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DETAILED COURSE OUTLINE

Week	Date	Unit	Activities	Readings	Case Study
1	Sept. 10	Introduction: Diversities, Contrasts, Myths & Truths	A. Intro to the course B. Brief lecture on context	Stock: Ch 1&2	Various
2	Sept. 17	The African Past: Pre-colonial History, Slavery and Colonization Term Paper Assigned (Due Dec 9 th)	A. Lecture/discussion B. Term Paper Assignment	Stock: Ch 7&8	Ghana
3	Sept. 24	Cultural Diversity: Culture, Ethnicity, Language and Religion	A. Lecture/Discussion B. Media Clips	Stock: Ch 3 Kirwin, M. (2006)	Kenya
4	Oct. 1	Population Dynamics: Fertility trends, Migration, Population and City Growth Term Paper Outline Due (5%) October 1	A. Lecture/ Discussion B. Media Clips	Stock: Ch 10, 11 & 12	Nigeria
5	Oct. 8	Environmental Concerns & Natural Resources Thanksgiving Oct. 8 (NO CLASS)	A. Lecture/Discussion B. Media Clips C. Midterm Prep/Review	Stock: Ch 6	Democratic Republic of Congo

6	Oct. 15	Midterm Exam 1 October 15th (30%) Rural Economies: Agriculture & Food Security	A. Midterm I B. Lecture/Discussion	Stock: Ch 13, 14 & 15	Sudan & Niger
7	Oct. 22	Urban Economies & Societies: Traditional Cities, Informal Economies	A. Lecture/ Discussion B. Media Clips	Freund (2007): Ch 1 (available on Blackboard)	South Africa & Zimbabwe
8	Oct. 29	Women & Children in African Society	A. Lecture/Discussion B. Media Clips	Stock: Ch 19 & 20	Uganda
9	Nov. 5	MOVIE: TBA Movie Review Due November 9th (10%)	A. Movie Viewing B. Discussion		
10	Nov. 12	Health and Disease in Africa Reading Days Nov 10-13 (NO CLASS Monday)	A. Lecture/Discussion B. Media Clips	Stock: Ch 21	Zambia
11	Nov. 19	Midterm Exam II November 23 (30%)	A. Lecture/ Discussion B. Media Clips C. Midterm II		
12	Nov. 26	African Conflicts: Ethnic, Economic, and Resource Wars	A. Lecture/Discussion	TBA	Sierra Leone, Somalia & D.R.C.

13	Dec. 3	African Economies: Aid, Debt, Trade, Governance <u>TERM PAPER</u> <u>DUE (25%)</u> December 7th IN CLASS ONLY!!	A.Lecture/Discussion B. Course Summary	TBA	Various
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HOW TO BE SUCCESSFUL IN GEOG 377:

1. Stay up –to- date on class readings.
2. Come to class well prepared for discussion and debate.
3. Start your paper early and ensure that you are on the right track by submitting a paper proposal with some sources identified.
4. Be able to integrate and analyze class readings, discussions, films for midterm exams.
5. Enjoy the class!

Complete List of Course Readings:

- Collier, P. (2007). *The Bottom Billion: Why the poorest countries are failing and what we can do about it.* Oxford University Press, U.S.A.
- Freund, B. (2007). *The African City: A History.* Cambridge, Cambridge University Press.
- Guest, R. (2005). *The Shackled Continent: Africa's Past, Present and Future.* Pan Macmillan Ltd., London, U.K.

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