GENERAL: Readings: Reading assignments should be completed before the lectures where they are cited.
Credits: 4 credits with midterm paper; 3 credits with midterm exam
Examinations:
6 weeks for undergrads: identifications + one essay question (20%)
12 weeks: written (essay questions, take home) or paper or log (40%)
"log" refers to a journal about the course in which are noted reflections about lectures and readings (comparing them) and personal thoughts about the issues discussed.
Final: essay questions (40%)

TEXTS: Required texts at bookshop (Univ.) and reserve
The UNESCO general history of Africa, vol. 3 (ed. M. el Fasi) and vol. 4 (ed. T. Niane). Abbreviated U3 and U4
Recommended
P. Curtin and others, African History 1978
M.D. Me Leod, Asante, London 1981
The reading by G. Connah is easier than the readings from UNESCO. These are at the level of first year university for students in Africa. Connah and the lectures will orient you in their reading.

SYLLABUS

I. BEFORE 1500 A.D.

Week 1: M. Introductory
W. "Roots"
F. The "oikoumene"

Reading
"Africa" entry in Macropaedia of the Encyclopaedia Britannica. see reference section in all libraries.

Week 2: M. Islam
W. Spread of Islam
F. Discussion - slides

Reading
U3: 31-118 (Chapters 2, 3, 4).

Week 3: M. Transsaharan trade
W. Developments in North Africa
F. discussion

Reading
Recommended: U3: 276-313 (Lewicki)
Week 4: M. West Africa before Islam: urbanization.
   W. Manding
   F. Slides: Art in southwest Nigeria

Reading
   C.: 97-149
   U4: 117-171
   U4: 187-210
   Recommended: U4: 339-370

Week 5: M. the Fatimid empire
   W. Mamluk Feudalism
   F. discussion

Reading
   U3: 314-335
   U4: 371-397

Week 6: M. Christian Nubia
   W. Christian Ethiopia
   F. Six week exam

Reading
   U3: 194-223
   U4: 398-454 (Chapters 16 & 17)
   C. 67-96
   Recommended: C, 24-66

Week 7: M. Bantu expansion
   W. Societies in the rain forests and southern savannas
   F. Discussion

Reading
   U3: 140-162, 643-663.
   U4: 551-577.

Week 8: M. Pastoralists of East Africa
   W. Kingdoms of the great lakes
   F. discussion

Reading
   U4: 498-524
   C: 223-226

Week 9: M. Swahili cities
   W. The copperbelt
   F. Discussion

Reading
   U3: 586-615
   U4: 455-480
   C: 150-182, 217-222
Week 10: M. Zimbabwe
W. Namibia-Botswana
F. Discussion

Reading
U3: 664-680
U4: 525-550, 578-596
C: 163-213
Recommended: The Reader's Digest History of South Africa: 20-31

II. 1500-1800 A.D. INTERACTION WITH EUROPEANS

Week 11: M. The slave trade
W. Its organization and impact
F. Discussion

Reading
J.D. Fage, A History of Africa, 244-288
U4: 635-672.
Recommended: Curtin: 213-247

Week 12: M. Holy Wars in West Africa
W. Asante and the Guinea Coast
F. Discussion

Reading
Curtin: 180-211
Mcleod: Asante: 9-71, 178-182
Recommended: Mcleod: 72-177

Week 13: M. Kongo and Christianity
W. The slave trade and slave trading states
F. Art of Central Africa (slides)

Reading
Curtin: 249-276

Week 14: M. South of the Zambezi
W. Europeans at the Cape
F. Discussion

Reading
Reader's Digest: 32-75
Curtin: 277-303.

Week 15: M. Inner Dynamics of African Societies and Cultures
W. The Interaction of Outsiders
F. The future of African History before 1800.

Reading
U3: 750-793.