

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON
Department of History
Semester I, 1991-92

History 378

AFRICA SINCE 1870

Mr. Brown

This course is an introduction to the history of the African continent since about 1870. Africa south of the Sahara receives the greatest emphasis; developments since 1900 receive the major stress. The course is organized around three principal themes: the European invasion of Africa and the prolonged African resistance; the era of colonial rule; and the African struggle to regain independence and overcome poverty, since 1960.

Ordinarily, there will be two lectures and a discussion session each week. Reading is assigned so that it will be completed before each week's topic. Three examinations are planned: a six-weeks essay exam in class on October 11; a mid-term essay exam on November 15; and, the final two-hour exam is scheduled for December 19. In addition, each undergraduate is expected to write a cumulative diary recording his/her reactions to, and reflections on, course materials and discussion. The first installment of the diary will be submitted on November 15; the second one is due on the last day of class, December 13. Graduate students and Honors candidates are excused from the six-week exam, but are expected to write term essays on topics approved by the instructor; they are due on December 6.

EVALUATIONS

	<u>MOST UNDERGRADS</u>	<u>GRADS AND HONORS CANDS.</u>
Six Weeks Exam	20%	-----
Mid-Term Exam	30%	30%
Final Exam	50%	40%
Diary	May add to/subtract from	-----
Term Essay	final grade	30%

Any Undergraduate may elect to write an essay and benefit from the same dispensation as applies to graduate students and honors candidates. Approval of essay topics must be obtained by Friday, September 20.

The standard texts for this course are on sale at People's Bookstore on West Gilman Street, between University and State (nearest University): A.E. Afigbo, et al., The Making of Modern Africa. 2 volumes.

The instructor holds office hours from 2-4 pm on Tuesdays at room 5108 Humanities. Other visits are scheduled by appointment.

COURSE CALENDAR

I. THE EUROPEAN INVASION OF AFRICA.

WEEK 1 (Sept. 4-6): INTRODUCTORY

Wed. Sept. 4 - Introduction to the Course and Topics: Africa in the 1870s

Fri. Sept. 6 - Africa in the 1870s (cont'd).

READING (for Weeks 1-3):

Those new to African courses: Afigbo, et al., I: pp. 1-44; 306-316.

All: Afigbo, I: 45-80; 129-149; 317-331.

WEEK 2 (Sept. 9-13): PRELUDE TO IMPERIALISM

- Mon. Sept. 9 - Africa in the 1870s (completed)
Wed. Sept. 11 - Background to the European Scramble for Africa
Fri. Sept. 13 - Discussion: Suppression of Slavery; Prelude to Imperialism?

WEEK 3 (Sept. 16-20): CONQUEST AND RESISTANCE

- Mon. Sept. 16 - Beginnings of the Scramble: Central and West Africa
Wed. Sept. 18 - Beginnings of the Scramble: West and East Africa
Fri. Sept. 20 - Discussion: Why did the Europeans win?

READING:

Afigbo, I: 95-128; 150-175; 340-364

WEEK 4 (Sept. 23-27): WAR AND DIPLOMACY

- Mon. Sept. 23 - Islamic Resistance: The Mahdiyya in the Sudan
Wed. Sept. 25 - Revolution and Adjustment: The Buganda Kingdom
Fri. Sept. 27 - Discussion: What was the key to Islamic resistance?

READING:

Those new to African courses: Afigbo, I: 211-250
All: Afigbo, I: 251-305; 311-339.

WEEK 5 (Sept. 30 - Oct. 4): FALL OF THE SOUTH

- Mon. Sept. 30 - The Partitioning of Southern Africa
Wed. Oct. 2 - Madagascar
Fri. Oct. 4 - Who conquered Africa and when did the conquests end?

READING:

Afigbo, I: 176-210; Afigbo, II: 1-33; 294-312.

WEEK 6 (Oct. 7-11): THE LATER WARS

- Mon. Oct. 7 - Invasion, Annexation and Resistance in North Africa: Morocco and Libya
Wed. Oct. 9 - Conquest and Resistance in the South: Namibia, Tanzania and Zimbabwe
Fri. Oct. 11 - SIX-WEEKS EXAM (Essay writers are excused)

READING:

Afigbo, II: 233-263.

II. THE ERA OF COLONIAL RULE

WEEK 7 (Oct. 14-18): THE IDEOLOGY OF INDIRECT RULE

- Mon. Oct. 14 - West Africa: Indirect Rule in Theory and Practice
Wed. Oct. 16 - Indirect and Direct Rule: Socio-economic change.
Fri. Oct. 18 - Discussion: The Struggle in East/Central Africa: King Leopold's Congo and Rhodes' Rhodesias.

READING: Afigbo, II: 294-324.

WEEK 8 (Oct. 21-25): PATERNALISM AND PROFITS

- Mon. Oct. 21 - Paternalism and the Mines: Zaire and Zambia
Wed. Oct. 23 - Paternalism and Plantations: Kenya and Uganda
Fri. Oct. 25 - Discussion: Disease, Death and Profits: An Emerging African Capitalism?

READING: Afigbo, II: 165 to top of p. 195.

WEEK 9 (Oct. 28 - Nov. 1): UPROOTING AFRICANS

- Mon. Oct. 28 - Fall of the Black Peasantry in South Africa
Wed. Oct. 30 - Emergence of Black Labor in Southern Africa.
Fri. Nov. 1 - Discussion: "Tribalism" and "Primitivism" in "traditional" Africa

READING:

Afigbo, II: 21-33; 43-259.

WEEK 10 (Nov. 4-8): NEW IDENTITIES, NEW DISCOURSES

- Mon. Nov. 4 - Religious Revolutions
Wed. Nov. 6 - Class, Caste and Colonialism
Fri. Nov. 8 - Discussion: Women: Battling two Colonialisms.

READING:

Afigbo, II: 106-130.

WEEK 11 (Nov. 11-15) PAN-AFRICANISM

- Mon. Nov. 11 - The Italo-Ethiopian War
Wed. Nov. 13 - Americo-Liberians and African Americans: The Struggle of Liberia
Fri. Nov. 15 - MID-TERM EXAMS (First Diaries are due)

READING:

Afigbo, II: 80-95; 138-top of 156

III. TOWARD THE LIBERATION OF AFRICA

WEEK 12 (Nov. 18-22): RENEWAL AND REFORM IN MUSLIM AFRICA

- Mon. Nov. 18 - Awakening and Movements in Egypt and North Africa
Wed. Nov. 20 - Renewal and Reform in the Maghrib and Sudan
Fri. Nov. 22 - Discussion: What are the sources of Islamic Renewal?

READING:

Afigbo, II: 34-54

WEEK 13 (Nov. 25-27) DEPRESSION, WAR AND DECOLONIZATION IN WEST AFRICA

- Mon. Nov. 25 - Restored Sovereignty in West Africa: Nigeria
Wed. Nov. 27 - Restoration in French West Africa
Fri. Nov. 29 - THANKSGIVING RECESS

READING:

Afigbo, II: 260-286; 324-343.

WEEK 14 (Dec. 2-6) DECOLONIZATION AND LIBERATION IN EASTERN AFRICA

- Mon. Dec. 2 - Mau Mau and Decolonization in Kenya
Wed. Dec. 4 - Chimurenga II in Zimbabwe
Fri. Dec. 6 - Discussion: "Wars of National Liberation" (Essays are due)

READING:

Afigbo II: 195-232; 343-364.

WEEK 15 (Dec. 9-13) TOWARD THE LIBERATION OF SOUTHERN AFRICA

- Mon. Dec. 9 - South Africa and Namibia since 1945
Wed. Dec. 11 - The Agony of Angola
Fri. Dec. 13 - The Continuing Crisis: Zaire and Mozambique
(Second Diaries are due)

FINAL EXAMINATION:

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, AT 7:45 A.M.