

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON
Department of History
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History 378

THE COURSE

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History 378 surveys the history of modern Africa since the imperial assault upon, and Colonial occupation of the continent beginning in the 1880s. Four major themes are pursued: Africa in the 1870s, imperialism and colonialism, regained political sovereignty, and the struggle against poverty and oppression since the 1960s. Emphasis is put upon the regions south of the Sahara and transformations in the colonial era.

PROCEDURE: Students are expected to read each week's assignments before the week's lectures begin. Ordinarily, there will be two lectures and a discussion period each week; excessive absences may diminish a final grade.

EVALUATIONS: There will be three essay-type examinations: a six-weeks exam on Friday, October 2; a mid-term on Friday, November 13; and a two-hour final examination at the designated time. In addition, most undergraduates will write a short (5-8 pages) on a controversial issue in recent African history arguing in favor of one of several possible stances. The student will choose an issue in consultation with the instructor; a decision must be made by mid-term (Friday, November 13). Honors candidates will prepare term essays (15 pages plus) rather than short papers. Topics will be selected in consultation with the instructor; a decision must be made six-weeks. Honors students are, therefore, excused from the six-weeks exam. Graduate students will also submit term essays and are also excused from six-weeks' exams. Short papers are due on Monday, December 7th. Term essays are due on Monday, December 14th, the last class day.

Written work will be evaluated as follows:

<u>Most Undergrads</u>		<u>Honors Candidates</u>		<u>Post Graduates</u>	
6 weeks	20%	--	--	--	--
12 weeks	20%	12 weeks	20%	12 weeks	20%
final	40%	final	40%	final	30%
short papers	20%	term essay	40%	term essay	50%

Any undergrad may declare an intention to write a term essay by six weeks (October 2) and follow the schedule for Honors students and post grads. Bright participation in class discussions may enhance a final course grade for anyone.

Texts: Although it is late in the day, two or more texts may yet be ordered urgently for this course. Meanwhile, all assignments will be made in texts already in White reserved reading room.

Course Calendar: A course calendar is in the works, listing lecture themes and reading assignments on a weekly schedule. In the meantime, assignments will be made in class.

Thank you for your patience and courtesy with visiting lecturers.