AFRICAN NATIONALISM: 012-126-01

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

This is an examination of political conflict and change in pre-colonial, colonial and post-colonial (independence) Africa, with emphasis on the nationalist movements and national liberation movements. The course will also examine the philosophies, strategies and tactics together with the sociopolitical contexts from which African nationalism sprang up.

REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS


Ludo de Witte, The Assassination of Lumumba (New York: Verso, 2001)*


RECOMMENDED TEXTBOOKS


____________. *Towards Colonial Freedom* (Portsmouth, NH.: Heinemann, 1979)*


____________. *Africa Must Unite* (New York: International Publishers, 1964)


**COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND CLASS ATTENDANCE**

Students are expected to attend classes regularly and to actively participate in class discussions. Each class session will focus on a specific theme (see course outline), which students must be prepared to discuss (after introductory, comments/presentations by the instructor) based on each session’s assigned readings. Students should be familiar with the appropriate readings for this course, and do their reading assignments before coming to class. Students are advised that all examinations will be comprised of both readings assignments and all materials covered in class lectures during the semester. Also very important class attendance will be taken into consideration in the final grading process. Therefore, students are strongly advised to attend classes regularly. Students who are absent from the class will be held responsible for materials they might have missed by their absences. Unjustified/undocumented absences or late arrivals to classes may lead up to 10 points being deducted from the final grade. Each student will be required to choose one topic of their choice on African Nationalism for special study for their research/term paper. The research (term) paper will not be less than 10 pages, and not more than 15 pages, typed and double-spaced with footnotes. **The term paper is due on Tuesday December 3, 2002 by 2:10 p.m. Late paper shall not be accepted.**

**TESTS AND GRADING SYSTEM**

1. Course attendance and participation------------------------------------------10%
2. First Test Thursday Sept. 19, 2002; 2:10 - 3:30 p.m.------------------------10%
3. Mid-Term Exam. Thursday Oct. 17, 2002; 2:10-3:30 p.m.---------------------20%
4. Class Presentation on term paper (November 28) --------------------------10%
5. Research/Term Paper on Country Study due on Dec. 3, 2002 ------------------20%
6. **Final Exam. Thursday December 5, 2002; 2:10 –3:30P.M.**------------------30%

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GRADES

90 - 100-A
80 - 89-B
70 - 79-C
60 - 69-D
50 – 0-F

ARTICLES ON RESERVE IN THE LIBRARY


2. Olayiwola Abegunrin, “Post Apartheid South Africa: An Analysis on Regional Perspectives,” Journal of the Third World Spectrum, Volume 6, No. 2 (Fall 1999), pp. 19-41


COURSE OUTLINE

1. Introduction

A. Map of Africa (Study the attached map)

B. Nationalism

C. Nation

D. Nationalist

E. African Nationalism

F. Nationalism in Pre-colonial Africa

3.
2. The Berlin Conference of 1884-1885 and the Partition of Africa

A. The First World War
B. Nationalism and Political Development in Africa
C. Colonialism and African Nationalism
D. Nationalist Movement(s)
E. Nationalist Organizations
F. National Liberation Movement
G. African Liberation Movements

3. The Turning Point of African Nationalism

A. The Second World War
B. War and Revolution
C. Africa in the Second World War
D. African Soldiers in European armies/war
E. The Impacts of the Second World War on Africa

4. The United Nations and African Independence Movements

A. Economic background to Nationalism
B. Nationalist Movements
C. African Liberation Movements

5. African Liberation Movements: Case Studies

GHANA (former Gold Coast)

A. The Struggle for Independence
B. Self Government and Independence
C. Nkrumahism

D. Pan-Africanism and African Diaspora


2. NIGERIA


3. KENYA


4. SOUTH AFRICA:


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5. **ANGOLA**


6. **ZIMBABWE**


**MAIN WEB SITES ON AFRICA**

**Africa News on Line at [http://www.africanews.org](http://www.africanews.org) is the one-top source for up-to-date information on all of Africa; news from more than 60 different sources. New stories and news are added daily. Pick any country in Africa or topical news section or visit a region within the continent of Africa. It covers all aspects of Africa.**

**Africa Policy Information Center (now Africa Action), at [http://www.africapolicy.org](http://www.africapolicy.org) Analyzes and publishes policy-relevant information related to the U.S. role in Africa, bringing to light perspectives from grassroots organizations and government entities.**

**All Africa Global Media at [http://www.allafrica.com](http://www.allafrica.com) features special reports and news on a range of social, political, and economic issues.**

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*Required and should be read.*

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