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CURRICULUM PROPOSAL FORM #3

NEW COURSE

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DEGREE/PROGRAM TITLE: 820/614-461/661 Government and Politics of Africa

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CURRICULUM PROPOSAL FORM #3
University of Wisconsin-Whitewater

NEW COURSE

COURSE NUMBER: 820 - 461 / 661 EFFECTIVE TERM: Fall 1997
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COURSE TITLE: Government and Politics of Africa

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25 CHARACTER ABBREVIATION G O V T & P O L I T I C S O F A F R I C A

SPONSOR(S): Paul Adoqamhe

DEPARTMENT(S): Political Science/Race & Ethnic Cultures

COLLEGE(S): Letters and Sciences

CHECK IF THE COURSE IS TO MEET ANY OF THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:	CONTACT HOURS/CREDITS
<u>No</u> Writing Requirement	Total Lecture Hours <u>48</u>
<u>No</u> Diversity Requirement	Total Lab Hours _____
<u>No</u> General Studies, Area: _____	Total Contact Hours <u>48</u>
<u>No</u> Computer Requirement	Number of Credits <u>3</u>
IS THE COURSE REQUIRED IN: IS THE COURSE REPEATABLE: YES _____, NO <u>X</u>	
<u>No</u> Major, _____ No. of Times in Major _____ and No. of Credits _____	
<u>No</u> Minor, _____ No. of Times in Degree _____ and No. of Credits _____	
<u>No</u> Emphasis, _____ S/NC only	

ATTACH THE FOLLOWING:

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I. COURSE JUSTIFICATION

At present there is no course on Government and Politics in Africa available in the sub field of comparative politics. This new course will, therefore, not only fill this gap in the curriculum but will provide the students with the basic analytic framework for understanding contemporary African politics and society. By analyzing the African experience in all its diversity and complexity, we create the opportunity to improve the students' knowledge and understanding of the African realities and challenges from a comparative perspective.

II. RELATIONSHIP TO PROGRAM OBJECTIVE

The new course will promote the analysis of political events, major problems, processes and trends in African politics and society. It will foster interculturalism by incorporating the non-western perspectives in the undergraduate general education curriculum, thereby enhancing the overall educational experience of UW-Whitewater students.

III. BUDGETARY IMPACT

None. This will be an expansion of the existing Political Science & Black Studies course rotation and will be taught by a new faculty with expertise in the area.

IV. PROGRAMS AFFECTED IN OTHER ACADEMIC UNITS

This course will be a needed addition to International Studies and the African American program.

V. COURSE DESCRIPTION

The course will critically analyze the political events, major problems, processes and trends in Sub-Saharan African politics and society. It will also attempt to examine the prospects for economic development and democracy in contemporary Africa. Some African countries will be selected for special attention.

VI. REQUISITES

Any Political Science general studies course.

VII. TENTATIVE COURSE SYLLABUS

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course will provide the students with the opportunity to improve their knowledge and understanding of the realities and challenges of African Politics. The primary focus is on the dynamics of societies in transition in "Sub-Saharan Africa," not only from colonial dependency to independence but also from traditional, tribal units to modern nation-states. The course will critically examine some of the major problems confronting these developing countries, concentrating on the difficulties in creating viable and stable governments and analyze the implications for African development. Apart from dealing with the historical, cultural and social characteristics of the region, it will also attempt to examine the prospects for economic development and democracy in contemporary Africa. Some African countries will be selected for special attention.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

The course will be conducted through class discussion/lecture format and films/videos when necessary. Therefore all students are required to attend classes and participate fully and knowledgeably by reading the assigned materials before class. If you have any difficulty with the readings, class lectures or tests, confer with the professor immediately.

Grading: The mid-term and final examinations, a term paper, a book review, quizzes, and class participation constitute the bases for grades. Effort and improvement in performance will be taken into account. Option for Extra credit: Students may examine a political issue that is of personal interest. A concise oral report to the class on the Subject chosen is strongly encouraged. Students wishing to avail themselves of this extra credit option should first consult with the instructor.

REQUIRED TEXTS

Davidson, Basil. Modern Africa: A Social and Political History. London and New York: Longman 1992.

Fatton, Robert Jr. Predatory Rule: State and Civil Society in Africa Boulder and London: Lynne Rienner Publishers 1992.

Griffiths, Leuan. An Atlas of African Affairs. London, New York: Methuen, 1994.

RECOMMENDED TEXTS

Chazan, Naomi; Mortimer, Robert; Ravenhill, John; and Rothschild, Donald, Politics and Society in Contemporary Africa. Boulder, Colorado: Lynne Rienner Publishers, 2nd ed., 1992.

Diamond, Larry; Linz, Juan J.; and Lipset, Seymour Martin [eds.]. Democracy in Developing Countries: Africa. Boulder, Colorado: Lynne Rienner Publishers, 1988.

Rodney, Walter; How Europe Underdeveloped Africa. Washington, D.C.: Howard University Press, 1974.

Regular readings from "Time Magazine," "The New York Times," "Newsweek" or other quality newspaper or periodicals with comparable coverage of major current African political events is required. Such reading is essential for understanding global and domestic issues and will serve as a basis for class discussion. Making a habit of watching TV documentaries and news programs and/or listening to radio broadcasts is strongly encouraged. (It should be noted that the New York Times may be consulted in the library or may be purchased on campus).

1. INTRODUCTION

- A. Administrative Matters
- B. Overview of the COURSE
- C. Physical and Political Geography of Africa
 - Griffiths, pp. 1-32.

2. METHODOLOGY: TRENDS AND APPROACHES TO THE STUDY OF AFRICAN POLITICS.

- A. Modernization
- B. Dependency
- C. Historical and comparative approach

THE STRUCTURE OF AFRICAN POLITICS

3. PRE-COLONIAL POLITICS

- A. The early African civilization: African Kingdom and Empires
 - Griffiths, Leuan, An Atlas of African Affairs, pp. 32-35.
 - Davison, Basil, Different but Equal, documentary.
- B. African Indigenous Institutions
 - Ayittey, chapters 3-5. (on reserve)
- C. European Penetration to 1880: Imperialism, slave trade and missionary activities.
 - Griffiths, Leuan, pp. 36-45.

4. COLONIAL POLITICS AND THE STRUGGLE FOR INDEPENDENCE

- A. Colonialism and colonial administration
 - Griffiths, Leuan, pp. 46-49.
 - Davison, Basil, pp. 3-44
 - Davison, Basil, Magnificent Cake, documentary. pp. 68-87.
- B. Colonialism Under Strain
 - Davison, Basil, pp. 47-95
- C. The rise of nationalist movements in Colonial Empires
 - Griffiths, Leuan pp. 50-59.
 - Davison, Basil, pp. 101-179.
 - Davison, Basil, The Raise of Nationalism, documentary.

5. THE STRUGGLE FOR INDEPENDENCE

- Griffiths, Leuan pp. 50-59

MID-TERM EXAM

6. POST-COLONIAL POLITICS AND CHALLENGES CONFRONTING NEW AFRICAN NATIONS

- A. Independence and the Problem of Nation-Building
 - Davison, Basil, pp. 183-194.
 - Davison, Basil, The Legacy, documentary.
 - Fatton pp. 1-40

B. Questions about national stability

- Davison, Basil. pp. 199-222.
- Fatton pp. 41-101

7. THE CHALLENGE OF DEVELOPMENT AND MODERNIZATION

- Davison, Basil pp. 223-266.
- Ofuately-Kodjoe, W., "African International Political Economy," in Murphy, Craig N.; and Tooze, Roger [eds] The New International Political Economy, pp. 171-190.
- UN-ECA, African Alternative Framework for Structural Adjustment Program, April 1991.

B. Country case study: Zambia.

- The African Dilemma: The Debt Crisis and The Problem of Structural Adjustment Program, documentary.
- Ramsay, Art. # 9 pp. 206-211; Art. # 7, pp. 201-204.
- Fatton pp. 119-146

8. THE STRUGGLE FOR DEMOCRACY IN AFRICA

A. Overview

- Diamond, et. al chapter 1.
- Fatton pp. 103-118
- Bienen, Henry and Jeffrey Herbst, Authoritarianism and Democracy in Africa:, Rustow and Erickson (ed.) Comparative Political Dynamics, pp. 211-232.

B. Country Case Study I: Nigeria

- Diamond, et. al, chapter 2
- Oyoubaire, Sam, "The Problems of Democracy in Nigeria,!" a paper presented at the Annual Conference on Nigerian National Development and Foreign Policy, 1992 at Columbia University.
- "Let Down Again", The Economist, August 21st, 1993.

9. POLITICS OF APARTHEID IN SOUTH AFRICA

- Griffiths, Leuan, pp. 166-179.

10. POST-APARTHEID POLITICS IN SOUTH AFRICA

- Ramsay, Art # 25, pp. 256-258.

11. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

FINAL EXAM

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Additional requirements for Graduate Students will include an intensive reading of African Politics Literature and an indepth analysis of a topic or an issue in Africa--a term paper of 10-20 pages.

VIII.

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