



AFRICAN CURRICULUM

Spring 2010 Course List

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AFRICAN LANGUAGES & LITERATURE

201 Intro-African Lang and Lit
General survey of African languages, linguistics, oral traditions, and literatures.
Waliaula, Kennedy
Core Course; 3 cr

AFRICAN LANGUAGES & LITERATURE

210 The African Storyteller
The oral tradition and the written word; the composition of stories, relationship between performer and audience, and transmission of tradition in various African societies.
Scheub, Harold
Core Course; 3 cr
*Crosslisted: FOLKLORE PROGRAM

AFRICAN LANGUAGES & LITERATURE

270 Hero&Trickster-Oral Traditn
Two major characters in African oral tradition as treated in narrative, epic and heroic poetry.
Scheub, Harold
Core Course; 3 cr
*Crosslisted: FOLKLORE PROGRAM

AFRICAN LANGUAGES & LITERATURE

308 Elem Ancient Egyptian Lang
Hieroglyphic writing, Middle Egyptian grammar. Continuation of 307.
Core Course; 3 cr
*Crosslisted: CLASSICS, HEBREW

AFRICAN LANGUAGES & LITERATURE

322 Second Semester Arabic
Continuation of 321.
Mustafa, Mustafa Abdelrahman
Core Course; 5 cr
*Crosslisted: LANGUAGES & CULTURES OF ASIA

AFRICAN LANGUAGES & LITERATURE

324 Fourth Semester Arabic
Continuation of 323.
Mustafa, Mustafa Abdelrahman
Core Course; 4 cr
*Crosslisted: LANGUAGES & CULTURES OF ASIA

AFRICAN LANGUAGES & LITERATURE

325 Colloquial Arabic
Mustafa, Mustafa Abdelrahman
Core Course; 2 cr
*Crosslisted: LANGUAGES & CULTURES OF ASIA

AFRICAN LANGUAGES & LITERATURE

332 Second Semester Swahili
Continuation of 331
Supervising Faculty: Hauner, Magdalena
Core Course; 5 cr

AFRICAN LANGUAGES & LITERATURE

334 Fourth Semester Swahili
Continuation of 333.
Supervising Faculty: Hauner, Magdalena
Core Course; 4 cr

AFRICAN LANGUAGES & LITERATURE
338 4th Sem-Lang-S Africa: Zulu
4th Sem Lang S Afr:Zulu
Continuation of 337.
Supervising Faculty: Hauner, Magdalena
Core Course; 4 cr

AFRICAN LANGUAGES & LITERATURE
372 Second Semester Yoruba
*A development of basic Yoruba
structure. Reading and writing simple
stories in Yoruba.*
Schleicher, Antonia Yetunde
Core Course; 5 cr

AFRICAN LANGUAGES & LITERATURE
374 Fourth Semester Yoruba
*More advanced conversational skill, and
introduction to simple Yoruba poems
and plays.*
Schleicher, Antonia Yetunde
Core Course; 4 cr

AFRICAN LANGUAGES & LITERATURE
392 2nd Sem-Lang of West Africa
2nd Sem Lang W Afr:Tw
Continuation of 391.
Ofori, Seth A
Core Course; 5 cr

AFRICAN LANGUAGES & LITERATURE
394 4th Sem-Lang of West Africa
4th Sem-Lang W Afr:Tw
Continuation of 393.
Ofori, Seth A
Core Course; 4 cr

AFRICAN LANGUAGES & LITERATURE
402 Theory-African Literature
*Approaches to the analysis of African
oral narrative performances, heroic
poetry, epic, and the genres of written
literature: Aesthetic, symbolic, and
structural analysis and their
interrelationships.*
Core Course; 4 cr

AFRICAN LANGUAGES & LITERATURE
436 Adv Studies-Swahili Lang-Rd
*Reading, conversation and composition
beyond the fourth semester level with
emphasis on the literary tradition of the
language and concentration on texts
appropriate to the level of the student.*
Supervising Faculty: Hauner, Magdalena
Core Course; 3 cr

AFRICAN LANGUAGES & LITERATURE
440 African/Francophone Film
*Studies the construction of narratives in
cinema and literature; teaches to
analyze and write about cinema;
explores links between cinema and
national or regional politics and
ideology; examines spectatorship in
relation to questions of identity
formation*
Songolo, Aliko
Core Course; 3 cr
*Crosslisted: FRENCH (FRENCH & ITALIAN)

AFRICAN LANGUAGES & LITERATURE
446 Readings-Adv Arabic Texts
Cowell, Dustin C.
Core Course; 3 cr
*Crosslisted: LANGUAGES & CULTURES OF ASIA

AFRICAN LANGUAGES & LITERATURE
453 Modern African Lit in English
*Chief emphasis on modern African
poetry, novel, drama, and short story.*
Waliaula, Kennedy
Core Course; 4 cr

AFRICAN LANGUAGES & LITERATURE
476 Sixth Semester Yoruba
*More complex linguistic structure.
Proverbs. Yoruba cultural background in
the works of Wole Soyinka.*
Schleicher, Antonia Yetunde
Core Course; 3 cr

AFRICAN LANGUAGES & LITERATURE
501 Struct&Analysis-Afric Langs

Emphasis on phonetics (including transcription), and on theories and problems of phonology, morphology, and syntax.

Ofori, Seth A

Core Course; 4 cr

AFRICAN LANGUAGES & LITERATURE

575 Teach Africn Lang:Thry&Prac

Theories and teaching methodologies for second language acquisition plus practical classroom techniques for teaching African languages.

Schleicher, Antonia Yetunde

Core Course; 3 cr

AFRICAN LANGUAGES & LITERATURE

669 Special Topics

Nation & Francophone Cinema

Songolo, Aliko

Core Course; 3 cr

AFRICAN LANGUAGES & LITERATURE

669 Special Topics

Sem 2 Intens Yoruba Lang & Cul

Schleicher, Antonia Yetunde

Core Course; 3 cr

AFRICAN LANGUAGES & LITERATURE

669 Special Topics

Sem 4 Intens Yoruba Lang & Cul

Schleicher, Antonia Yetunde

Core Course; 3 cr

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669 Special Topics

Sem 6 Intens Yoruba Lang & Cul

Schleicher, Antonia Yetunde

Core Course; 3 cr

AFRICAN LANGUAGES & LITERATURE

669 Special Topics

Sem 8 Intens Yoruba Lang & Cul

Schleicher, Antonia Yetunde

Core Course; 3 cr

AFRICAN LANGUAGES & LITERATURE

669 Special Topics

Sem 10 Intens Yoruba Lan & Cul

Schleicher, Antonia Yetunde

Core Course; 3 cr

AFRICAN LANGUAGES & LITERATURE

699 Directed Study

Topics vary with Instructor

Cowell, Dustin; Hauner, Magdalena;

Songolo, Aliko; Schleicher, Antonia; Al-

Ghadeer, Moneera; Olaniyan, Tejumola;

Core Course; 1-6 cr

AFRICAN LANGUAGES & LITERATURE

702 African Verbal Stylistics

Linguistic approaches to the verbal arts of Africa, oral, written, and in performance.

Core Course; 3 cr

AFRICAN LANGUAGES & LITERATURE

990 Thesis

Topics vary with Instructor

Scheub, Harold; Cowell, Dustin; Hauner,

Magdalena; Songolo, Aliko; Schleicher,

Antonia; Al-Ghadeer, Moneera;

Olaniyan, Tejumola

Core Course; 1-9 cr

AFRICAN LANGUAGES & LITERATURE

999 Indep Reading & Research

Topics vary with Instructor

Cowell, Dustin; Schleicher, Antonia; Al-

Ghadeer, Moneera

Core Course; 1-3 cr

AFRO-AMERICAN STUDIES

242 Intro to Afro-American Art

Historical survey of Afro-American art.

Beginning with the African heritage and

concluding with creativity of the 1970's, it examines the evolution of Afro-American art. Attention to the aesthetic sensibilities of diverse styles as well as the social sign

Tesfagiorgis, Freida High
Extended Core Course; 3 cr
*Crosslisted: ART HISTORY

AFRO-AMERICAN STUDIES

674 Topics on Afro-Amer Artists
African/Afro-Am Art in Museums
Works of Black artists in the U.S. discussed historically in terms of movements which they created and in terms of trends evolving on an international scale. Jr st and cons inst.

Tesfagiorgis, Freida High
Extended Core Course; 3 cr
*Crosslisted: ART DEPARTMENT

AGRICULTURAL AND APPLIED ECON

350 World Hunger & Malnutrition
Hunger and poverty in developing countries and the United States. Topics include: nutrition and health, population, food production and availability, and income distribution and employment.

Shapiro, Kenneth
Extended Core Course; 3 cr
*Crosslisted: AGRONOMY, NUTRITIONAL SCIENCES, INTERDISCIPLINARY COURSES (CAL)

AGRICULTURAL AND APPLIED ECON

474 Econ Probs-Developing Areas
Analyzes aggregate growth, income distribution and poverty in lower income economies. Uses

microeconomics of imperfect labor, capital and insurance markets to explore why some individuals advance economically as their economies grow and others fall behind

Alix-Garcia, Jennifer Marie
Extended Core Course; 3 cr

AGRICULTURAL AND APPLIED ECON

477 Agri & Econ Development-Africa
Composition, organization, and techniques of agricultural production; economic change and development of agriculture, economic policies, special problems of developing African agriculture.

Foltz, Jeremy
Core Course; 3 cr
*Crosslisted: ECONOMICS

AGRONOMY

377 Cropping Systems-Tropics
Crops and cropping systems of the tropics. The environmental requirements of the major crops, their botany, and how they fit into local farming systems will be emphasized. For students with broad interests in tropical agriculture and food production.

Posner, Joshua
Extended Core Course; 3 cr

ANTHROPOLOGY

333 Prehistory of Africa
A survey of the archaeological record of human development in Africa, beginning over two million years ago and continuing through the transition to

farming and metallurgy; greatest emphasis on the stone age portion of prehistory.

Bunn, Henry T.

Core Course; 3 cr

ANTHROPOLOGY

970 Smr-Anthropology&Education
Anthropological theory, methodology, and field techniques with specific reference to school ethnography and cross-cultural studies of socialization and education. Topics vary.

Lee, Stacey J.

Extended Core Course; 3 cr

*Crosslisted: EDUCATIONAL POLICY STUDIES

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

975 General Seminar
Post-Colonial World Lang Educ
For the exploration of new frontiers.

Tochon, Francois V

Extended Core Course; 2-3 cr

DANCE PROGRAM

177 African Dance
Technique and practice of several basic African dance forms with study of their musical, historical and cultural contexts.

Walker, Christopher

Core Course; 1 cr

EDUCATIONAL POLICY STUDIES

750 African Ed-Past,Pres&Future
Survey of indigenous and introduced forms of African education, formal and informal, in comparative format. The impact of Islam and Christianity on traditional educational styles. The

struggle for modernity and cultural autonomy within the context of impe

Stambach, Amy E.

Core Course; 3 cr

ENVIR ST - GAYLORD NELSON INST

339 Environmental Conservation
Ecological and cultural background of conservation, problems of resource and environmental quality management, and pressing issues of population, food, energy, and pollution.

Extended Core Course; 3-4 cr

*Crosslisted: GEOGRAPHY

ENVIR ST - GAYLORD NELSON INST

434 People, Wildlife & Landscapes
This course explores the relationship between humans and wildlife amidst diverse landscapes, both historic and contemporary, tropical and temperate.

We study how humans shape wild animal populations by modifying physical environments, and by hunting, dome

Naughton, Lisa Carol

Extended Core Course; 3 cr

*Crosslisted: COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENTAL SOC, GEOGRAPHY

ENVIR ST - GAYLORD NELSON INST

651 Conservation Biology
The application of ecological and genetic principles to problems concerning genetic, species, and community diversity. Topics include the hazards of rarity, choice and monitoring

of indicator species, population viability analysis, habitat fragmentation,

Treves, Adrian

Extended Core Course; 3 cr

*Crosslisted: ZOOLOGY, BOTANY, FOREST & WILDLIFE ECOLOGY

FRENCH

665 Intro aux etudes francophones
(Introduction to Francophone Studies)

Study of literary texts from diverse Francophone cultures (Africa, the Caribbean, Quebec) and the cultural and political dynamics between these texts and these cultures.

El-Nossery, Nevine

Extended Core Course; 3 cr

GENDER AND WOMENS STUDIES

325 Global Feminisms

Explores feminism and gender across cultural contexts with emphasis on the Global South. Includes theories for the study of women and gender in foreign contexts, comparison of gender relations and feminisms across countries, and analysis of national and transnational feminist organizing.

Tripp, Aili Mari

Extended Core Course; 3 cr

HISTORY

439 Islamic Hist:Orig-Ottoman Empr
Political action and organization in medieval Islam (ca 600-1500), with focus on selected states.

Chamberlain, Michael

Extended Core Course; 3 cr

*Crosslisted: LANGUAGES & CULTURES OF ASIA, RELIGIOUS STUDIES

HISTORY

444 History of East Africa
Formation of ethnic groups, state building, the development of pre-colonial trade institutions, and African social and political history in the colonial period.

Kodesh, Neil

Core Course 4 cr

HISTORY

600 Advanced Seminar in History
Rise of Islam-erly Islamic Emp Introduction to research. Small-group discussion; writing intensive. Topics vary, depending on the expertise and interests of instructors.

Chamberlain, Michael

Extended Core Course; 3 cr

HISTORY

600 Advanced Seminar in History
Image of Africa in West Introduction to research. Small-group discussion; writing intensive. Topics vary, depending on the expertise and interests of instructors.

Sweet, James H

Core Course 3 cr

HISTORY

858 Smr-Prob of Islamic History
Social and economic history of North Africa and the Middle East in Islamic and modern times.

Morgan, David

Extended Core Course; 2-3 cr

HISTORY

861 Seminar-History of Africa
Research studies in aspects of African history with emphasis on field research techniques and interpretation of non-archival data.

Kodesh, Neil

Core Course; 1-3 cr

INTERDIS COURSES (C A L S)

375 Special Topics

Int'l Issues Ag,Eniv,Life Sci Subjects of current interest to undergraduates.

Ferrick, John

Core Course; 1-4 cr

INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

601 Topics in Global Security
Human Rights to Human Security
*Treatment of topics in global security.
Can be repeated by students but not
with the same content.*
Smith, Steven
Extended Core Course; 3 cr

JOURN AND MASS COMMUNICATION
620 International Communication
*Historical, political, economic and
cultural trends in global mass
communication systems.*
Ward, Stephen J
Extended Core Course; 4 cr

LAFOLLETTE SCHOOL – PUBLIC AFFAIRS
867 Government Finance in Developing
Countries
*This course explores fiscal decision-
making by governments in developing
countries, including decisions about the
mix and level of public services, the
choice of taxes and other financing
mechanisms, and decisions about fiscal
relationships between levels of
government.*
Reschovsky, Andrew
Extended Core Course; 3 cr
*Meets with: 567 *Public Finance in Less
Developed Countries*

LAW
940 Law & Contemporary Problems
Intro: Islamic Law
*Relationship of law to current public
issues. Topics reflect interests of
instructor and students.*
Extended Core Course; 2-3 cr

LAW
940 Law & Contemporary Problems

Adv. Islamic Law:Reltn Law&Gvt
*Relationship of law to current public
issues. Topics reflect interests of
instructor and students.*
Extended Core Course; 2-3 cr

MEDICAL HISTORY AND BIOETHICS
553 Internl Hlth & Global Society
*Major problems in international health
from 1750 to the present. Focus on
disease epidemiology and ecology;
political economy of health; migration;
quarantine; race, ethnicity, and health
care; international health research;
cross-cultural healing; mental*
Keller, Richard C
Extended Core Course; 3 cr
*Crosslisted: POPULATION SCIENCES, HISTORY
OF SCIENCE

MUSIC
103 Intro-Mus Cult of the World
*Music in various parts of the non-
Western world (Africa, Middle East,
India, Southeast Asia, East Asia).*
Extended Core Course; 2 cr
*Crosslisted: FOLKLORE PROGRAM

NURSING
590 Contemp Practices-Nursing
Comm Hlth Nur: Rural Hlth
*Health problems and their nursing
management, e.g., critical care nursing,
health promotion and prevention of
disease, nursing of developmental
disabilities.*
Baumann, Linda
Core Course; 1-4 cr

NURSING

702 Hlth Promo&Disease Prevention
Multidisciplinary approach for health promotion/disease prevention in diverse communities emphasizing the use of epidemiological psychosocial, and environmental data for aggregate/community assessment to determine shared risks, exposures, behaviors and in

Severtson, Dolores Jean
Extended Core Course; 3 cr

POLITICAL SCIENCE

277 Africa: Introductory Survey
African society and culture, polity and economy in multidisciplinary perspectives from prehistory and ancient kingdoms through the colonial period to contemporary developments, including modern nationalism, economic development and changing social structure

Schatzberg, Michael
Core Course; 4 cr

*Crosslisted: SOCIOLOGY, HISTORY, GEOGRAPHY, ANTHROPOLOGY, AFRO-AMERICAN STUDIES, AFRICAN LANGUAGES & LITERATURE

POLITICAL SCIENCE

317 The Politics of Human Rights
Examines the origins and development of human rights in international politics. The course discusses what human rights are, international human rights movements, the international search for justice after mass crimes, and international humanitarian intervention

Extended Core Course; 3-4 cr
*Crosslisted: INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

POLITICAL SCIENCE

657 Comparative Political Culture
In addition to political culture as conventionally defined, this course examines alternative political realities and the different understandings of politics that flow from them. It explores in detail the intersections between the realms of politics and culture in various selected regions of the world.

Schatzberg, Michael
Extended Core Course; 3-4 cr

POLITICAL SCIENCE

660 African Politics
Process of rapid political change in contemporary Africa with special emphasis on the emergence of new states.

Tripp, Aili Mari
Core Course; 3-4 cr

POPULATION HEALTH SCIENCES

650 Special Topics
Tpc: Health&Disease in Uganda
A faculty-led field experience that exposes students to global health work through discussion, observational activities and participation in applied public health activities. Students will gain knowledge about health and disease, learn and practice cross-

Haq, Cynthia L.
Core Course; 1-6 cr

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

370 Islam: Religion and Culture
The emergence and development of Islam; schism; theology; asceticism; speculative and popular mysticism; literatures in diverse Islamic languages.

Gade, Anna Margaret
Extended Core Course; 4 cr
*Crosslisted: LANGUAGES & CULTURES OF ASIA, AFRICAN LANGUAGES & LITERATURE

SOCIOLOGY

940 Smr: Sociol-Econ Change

Theoretical and technical problems in research concerning organizational and socio-psychological aspects of changes in large scale social systems.

Seidman, Gay

Core Course; 3 cr

*Crosslisted: COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENTAL
SOC