African Curriculum
Spring 2011 Course List
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AFRICAN LANGUAGES & LITERATURE
120 Literary Legacy of Arabs
Prereq> Open to Fr
Core Course

AFRICAN LANGUAGES & LITERATURE
201 Intro to African Lang and Lit
General survey of African languages, linguistics, oral traditions, and literatures. Prereq> Open to Fr
Waliaula, Kennedy; Ennin, Theresah
Core Course

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. Prereq> Open to Fr
Scheub, Harold
Core Course

AFRICAN LANGUAGES & LITERATURE
270 The Hero & Trickster in African Oral Tradition
Two major characters in African oral tradition as treated in narrative, epic and heroic poetry. Prereq>
Scheub, Harold
Core Course

AFRICAN LANGUAGES & LITERATURE
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. Prereq> Open Fr
Schatzberg, Michael
Core Course

AFRICAN LANGUAGES & LITERATURE
300 African Lit in Translation
Contemporary Arabic Lit. in Translation
Introduction to the literature, oral or written, of a coherent cultural area of Africa, for those for whom texts in the original language are not accessible. Prereq> Open to Fr with cons inst. Not recommended for grad stats
Core Course

AFRICAN LANGUAGES & LITERATURE
322 Second Semester Arabic
Continuation of 321. Prereq> African 321 or cons inst. 4 cr for Grads, 5 cr for Undergrads (4 cr only Summer). Open to Fr
Core Course

AFRICAN LANGUAGES & LITERATURE
324 Fourth Semester Arabic
Continuation of 323. Prereq> African 323 or cons inst
Core Course

AFRICAN LANGUAGES & LITERATURE
325 Colloquial Arabic
Prereq> African 321 & 322 or equiv
Core Course

AFRICAN LANGUAGES & LITERATURE
332 Second Semester Swahili
Continuation of 331. Prereq> African 331 or cons inst. 4 cr for Grads, 5 cr for Undergrads (4 cr only Summer). Open to Fr
Kyeu, David; Mkenda, Beatrice
Core Course

AFRICAN LANGUAGES & LITERATURE
334 Fourth Semester Swahili
Continuation of 333. Prereq> African 333 or cons inst
Core Course

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AFRICAN LANGUAGES & LITERATURE
669 Special Topics
Contemporary Arabic Lit in Translation
Prereq> Cons chair
Core Course

AFRICAN LANGUAGES & LITERATURE
669 Special Topics
Advanced Studies in Arabic
Prereq> Cons chair
Core Course

AFRICAN LANGUAGES & LITERATURE
901 Seminar in Modern African Lit
Francophone African Literature
Special topics. Prereq> Grad st
Songolo, Aliko
Core Course

AFRICAN LANGUAGES & LITERATURE
903 Seminar in African Linguistics
Phonology and Morphology
Prereq> Grad st
Ofori, Seth
Core Course

AFRO-AMERICAN STUDIES
231 Intro to Afro-American History
Survey from the African beginnings to the present day. Focus on slave trade and slavery; major black figures of the past; social, economic, and political trends within the black community. Prereq> Open to Fr
Clark-Puja, Christy
Extended Core Course

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Core Course

AFRO-AMERICAN STUDIES
366 Artistic/Cultural Images of Black Women
Cultural images by and about Black women; femininity creativity in the arts within their historical, cultural, social, and political contexts. Prereq> So st or cons inst
Tesfagiorgis, Freida High
Extended Core Course

AFRO-AMERICAN STUDIES
678 Mod/Contmp Art of Nigeria & African Diaspora
This seminar will examine the history of modern and contemporary art in Nigeria and the African diaspora. It will analyze trans-cultural developments in paintings, sculpture, and other media, as it engages globalization, colonialism, Euro-primitivist modernism, postmodernism, postcolonialism, and feminism. Prereq> Cons inst
Tesfagiorgis, Freida High
Core Course

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; Thurlow, Julie
Extended Core Course

AGRICULTURAL AND APPLIED ECON
474 Economic Problems of 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. Prereq> Sr st and two crses in econ
Alix-Garcia, Jennifer
Extended Core Course

AGRICULTURAL AND APPLIED ECON
477 Agricultural & Econ Development of Africa
Agricultural and Economic Development in Africa Composition, organization, and techniques of agricultural production; economic change and development of agriculture, economic policies, special problems of developing African agriculture. Prereq> Two crses in AAE and/or Econ, or cons inst
Foltz, Jeremy
Core Course

AGRONOMY
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.
Thompson, Jessica
Extended Core Course

AGRONOMY
377 Cropping Systems of the Tropics
Cropping Systems of the 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. Prereq> Intro crse in botany or cons inst
Posner, Joshua
Extended Core Course

ANTHROPOLOGY
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. Prereq> Open Fr
Core Course

ANTHROPOLOGY
330 Topics in Ethnology
Culture and Health in Africa Content varies. Prereq> Intro crse in cult anthro or cons inst
Wendland, Claire
Core Course
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. Prereq: Anthro 112 or 321 or cons inst
Bunn, Henry
Core Course

ANTHROPOLOGY
925 Seminar: Socio-Econ Change in Underdev Areas
Social and economic factors relating to stability, growth, and change in the non-Western areas of the contemporary world. Prereq: Grad st & cons inst
Seidman, Gay
Extended Core Course

BOTANY
651 Conservation Biology
The application of ecological and genetic principles to problems concerning genetic, species, and community diversity. Prereq: An ecol crse (eg, Botany/Zool 460) and genetics (eg, Genetics/Zool 466)
Treves, Adrian
Extended Core Course

COMMUNITY & ENVR SOCIOLOGY
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, domesticating and introducing species. Prereq: Geog/Envir St 339
Naughton, Lisa
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DANCE
177 African Dance
Technique and practice of several basic African dance forms with study of their musical, historical and cultural contexts. Prereq: Open to Fr
Core Course

ECONOMICS
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EDUCATIONAL POLICY STUDIES
760 Education in Developing Societies
Selected systems of education with particular reference to the consequences of educational transfer or borrowing, and to education, nation building, and modernization. Prereq: Grad st or cons inst
Kendall, Nancy
Extended Core Course

EDUCATIONAL POLICY STUDIES
860 Theory and Method of Comparative Education
Critical analysis of theories, methods, and intellectual perspectives that have been employed in comparative studies of education. Prereq: Grad st
Kendall, Nancy
Extended Core Course

ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES
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. Prereq: So st
Turner, Matthew
Extended Core Course

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FOLKLORE PROGRAM
471 Oral Tradition & the Written Word
Analyses and comparisons of African oral narrative-performances and African written literatures. Prereq> African 210, 402, or cons inst
Scheub, Harold
Core Course

FOREST AND WILDLIFE ECOLoGY
651 Conservation Biology
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Treves, Adrian
Extended Core Course

FRENCH (FRENCH AND ITALIAN)
947 Seminar: Questions de Litterature
Prereq> Grad st
Songolo, Aliko
Extended Core Course

GENDER AND WOMENS STUDIES
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Tesfagiorgis, Freida High
Extended Core Course

GENDER AND WOMENS STUDIES
643 Women & Politics in a Global Context
Examines in a global comparative context what has facilitated and held back women’s political representation and the implications of women’s exclusions from public life. It examines the consequences of unequal political representation.
Tripp, Ali
Extended Core Course

GEOGRAPHY
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HISTORY
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Core Course

HISTORY
278 Africans in the Americas, 1492-1808
Topics include demography and structure of the slave trade, but major focus on continuities and transformations of African cultures and social structures in the Americas—ethnicity, religion, kinship, gender, oral tradition, creolization, etc. Prereq> So st
Sweet, Jim
Core Course

HISTORY
439 Islamic History: Origins to the Ottoman Empire
Political action and organization in medieval Islam (ca 600-1500), with focus on selected states. Prereq> So st
Chamberlain, Michael
Extended Core Course

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. Prereq> So st
Kodesh, Neil
Core Course

HISTORY
445 History of Equatorial Africa
Area south of Lake Chad and north of Southwest Africa and Zambia from the advent of the Iron Age to the present. Prereq> So st
Bernault, Florence
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POLITICAL SCIENCE
660 African Politics
Process of rapid political change in contemporary Africa with special emphasis on the emergence of new states. Prereq> Jr st & Poli Sci 106 or 186 recommend
Tripp, Ali
Core Course

POLITICAL SCIENCE
948 Seminar: Topics in Comparative Politics
Political Ethnography: Politics of Daily Life
Research seminar on specific topics in comparative politics. Prereq> Grad st or cons inst
Schatzberg, Michael
Extended Core Course

Population Health Sciences
644 Global Health and Disease
Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Global Health and Disease
Topic: Africa
Students will consider health data, health systems, historical and cultural information, and concepts of cultural competence and cultural humility. Prepares students for Pop Hlth 645, Global Health Field Study. For: Graduate Students, Health Professional students, SMPH Certificate students, SMPH Capstone students
Baumann, Linda; Haq, Cynthia; Sethi, Ajay
Core Course

PORTUGUESE (SPANISH & PORTUGUESE)
451 Lusophone African Literature
Chronological and thematic survey of major trends, authors, and works of Lusophone Africa since 1936. Prereq> Portuguese 221 & 311/312 or cons inst
Madureira, Luis
Core Course

RELIGIOUS STUDIES
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