

ANT 230 PEOPLES OF AFRICA: POPULATION, ENVIRONMENT, AND HEALTH ISSUES

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1:10- 2:30 Hillyer Graham Auditorium

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course focuses on demographic, health, and environmental change on the African continent, contextualized in the social, economic, and political activities of human populations. The course discusses the origin and growth of human populations, distribution and spread of language and ethnic groups, the variety in food production systems (foraging, fishing, pastoralism, agriculture, industrialism), demographic, health, and environmental consequences of slavery, colonialism, and economic globalization, and contemporary problems of urbanization, health and illness including HIV-AIDS, and the problems of drought, famine, and war in Africa.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Students are expected to

1. Attend class regularly; complete all assigned readings and participate in class discussions including discussions on Moodle. Signature role sheets will be taken.
2. Map assignment
3. Three Book responses (3-4 pages double spaced)
Things Fall Apart (will be written in class, date unannounced)
Monique and the Mango Rains
African Women's Health
4. Midterm exam in class Oct. 8.
5. Final exam self scheduled 12/18-21

GRADING AND EVALUATION:

Three book synopsis papers (15% each)	45%
Midterm exam (10/8)	25%
Participation (attendance, written responses)	5%
Final exam	25%

REQUIRED READING (at Greccourt Bookstore and on Reserve, Neilson Library)

1. Phyllis M Martin and Patrick O'Meara Africa, 3rd edition, Indiana U Press (M&M)
2. Elliot Fratkin, Ariaal Pastoralists of Kenya. 2003. Allyn and Bacon Publishers
3. Kris Holloway Monique and the Mango Rains 2007, Waveland Press.
4. Meredith Turshen, African Women's Health. Red Sea Press
5. Alex de Waal and Julie Flint Darfur: A Short History of a Long War
6. Stephen Lewis Race Against Time Anansi Press.
7. Chinua Achebe Things Fall Apart

ANT 230 COURSE SCHEDULE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Reading/Films</u>
9/10	Course Introduction	
9/12	Geography, Language and History	Martin and O'Meara (M&M) Chapter 1, 2 'The Contemporary Map of Africa' Map Assignment Due Sept. 17 Begin <u>Thing Fall Apart</u> by Chinua Achebe, finish by 9/24
9/17	Prehistoric Africa - Origins of Humans, Domestication	M&M 3 'Prehistoric Africa' See Moodle links
9/19	Prehistoric Africa: Egypt and the Nile	M&M Chapter 4 'Aspects of Early African History'
9/24	Pre-colonial Africa	M&M 5 'Islam and African Societies'
9/26	Film' <u>Caravans of Gold</u>	
10/1	Social Organization and Environmental Adaptation	M&M 9 'Social organization in Africa' M&M 10 'Economic life in African villages and towns'
10/3	Review Discussion for First Exam	
10/6	Fall Break	
10/8	First Exam (in class)	Read Fratkin <u>Ariaal Pastoralists</u>
10/15	Adaptation: Pastoralism	Read Fratkin Ariaal Pastoralists Chapters 1, 3, 4, 5
10/17	Pastoralism	Fratkin Chapters 2, 6
10/22	Slavery in Africa, Colonialism	M&M 6, 'Africa and Europe Before 1900' M&M 7 'The Colonial Era'
10/24	Independence and Contemporary Africa	M&M 8 'Decolonization, Independence, and the Failure of Politics' M&M 16 'Social Change in Contemporary Africa'

10/29 Health and Disease: Infectious Diseases

Moodle readings, plus look through following websites:

<http://www.afro.who.int/home/healthtopics.html>

http://www.who.int/topics/infectious_diseases/factsheets/en/index.html

<http://cartercenter.org/health/index.html>

10/31 Infectious diseases continued

Begin Monique and the Mango Rains, written Response paper due Nov. 7

11/5 Women's Health Issues

Meredith Turshen African Women's Health

Turshen 'Introduction: Even Strong Backs need Support'

Pearce 'Death and Maternity in Nigeria'

Saba Mebrahtu 'What we need is Assistance' (Eritrea)

11/7 Women's Health Issues

Monique and the Mango Rains Guest Lecture

Response paper due Monique and Mango Rains 11/7

11/7 Mount Holyoke College, Gamble Auditorium 7:30]

Public talk by Gerry Caplan, University of Toronto Centre for International Health's HIV/AIDS Initiative for Africa.

11/12 Female Genital Cutting: Circumcision or Mutilation

Read Turshen African Women's Health

Abusharaf and Abdel Halkim 'Questioning the Tradition' (Sudan)

Amal Abd El Hadi 'Female Genital Mutilation in Egypt'

11/14 FGC Film *Moolaadé* by Ousmane Sembene

NOTE Film Begins at 12:30!

Assignment due 11/19 Write 3 page response paper based on following three articles:

Turshen 'Women's Mental Health'

Mwau 'Counseling Victims of Domestic Violence'

Manjate 'Lovers, Hookers and Wives'

11/19 HIV/AIDS in Africa

Read Kalipeni et al. readings on Moodle

Read Stephen Lewis Race Against Time for 11/26

11/21 Thanksgiving Break**11/26 HIV AIDS**

Lewis Race against Time

Chapters 1 -5

11/28 Race Against Time

AIDS films Paying the Price
The Value of Life

12/3 War and Refugees

Alex de Waal and Julie Flint and Darfur: A Short History of a Long War

12/5 War and Child Soldiers

Film: Blood Diamond
(please note Film starts at 12:30)

12/10 African Development and the Future

12/12 Course Conclusion

12/18- 12/21 Final Exam (Self-Scheduled Exam Period)