

FALL 2009
GEOG 275 – Geography of Sub-Saharan Africa
Monday and Thursday, 1:10 to 2:25 p.m.

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Required Text: Stock, Robert (2004) *Africa South of the Sahara: A Geographical Interpretation*. New York: The Guilford Press (2nd Ed.)

This course provides the basis for studying the regional geography of Africa south of the Sahara.

It will cover the following topics:

The Physical Environment:

- 1- Landforms
- 2- Climate
- 3- Vegetation and Soils

Mid-term Examination (It will be announced one week before the exam)

The Human Environment:

- 4- African Identity, Culture and Society
- 5- Population, Urbanization and Migration
- 6- Indigenous Knowledge
- 7- Traditional Productive Sector (Farmers and Pastoralists)

African Developmental Problems:

- 8- Food crisis
- 9- Lack of safe water and sanitation
- 10- Corruption

African Environmental and Political Problems

- 11- Climate change, Drought and famine
- 12- Desertification
- 13- Civil wars

The Final Examination - 12/17/2009 – 1:45 to 3:45 p.m.

The Grades

Mid-term exam. 40% of your grade

Final exam.----- 40% of your grade

Term paper----- 20% of your grade

Term Paper:

Choose any of the above listed topics and write a paper about it.

1. The topic **should be** approved by the instructor
2. The paper should be at least 12 pages long (double spaced).
3. There should be a minimum of 10 cited references from books and peer reviewed journals.
4. The paper should include tables, maps or graphs (**Notate the sources**).
5. Use Parentheses format (**NOT MLA** format) to write the paper.
6. A cover page showing the title, your name course number, instructor and semester should be included.
7. No web citations are will be accepted except for maps, graphs, tables or diagrams.
8. Your papers should be written using subheadings including introduction and conclusion.
9. There should be a properly written bibliography at the end of the paper.
10. The deadline for submission of the paper is October 15th, 2009.
11. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to come and see.

Please ----- Do not hesitate to come and ask questions, or ask for help.

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