

SYLLABUS

International Relations of Africa

Political Science PSCI 475/575 (Course code 14471)

Meeting time and place, 1:00-1:50 MWF in SH 104 (section 001)

Description and Objectives

The international relations of Africa is a course devoted to the role of Africa in world affairs. Students will be introduced to the basic problems and dilemmas facing contemporary Africa. In addition to this, several themes will be examined in detail including democratization, conflict, and the war on terrorism.

Textbooks

Africa: A Continent Self-Destructs by Peter Schwab (2001) is the required text for the course and is available at Barnes and Noble bookstore, on the ground level of the Student Union building. Additional reading material will be provided in class.

Grading and Course Requirements

The final course grade is the average score earned on the following three assignments:

Mid term exam, 50 objective, matching, short-answer, and multiple choice questions (1/3)

20-minute in class-presentation, plus 3 page summary (1/3)

Take-home final exam (10 pages for undergrads and 20 pages for Grads.) (1/3)

Grading scale

The grading scale in the course is: 90-100 A, 80-89 B, 70-79 C, 60-69 D, and below 60 F.

Academic Honesty

Cheating on exams or plagiarism will not be tolerated. Evidence of either will result in automatic failure of the assignment and most likely failure of the course.

Extra Credit

Attendance will be taken during class via a student sign-in sheet. The sign-in sheet is for the Instructor's use only and will be used to document student attendance. An announcement of the students who have earned the extra credit will be made during the last regular class meeting of the semester. However, students are responsible for keeping track of their own class attendance. Students who miss no more than 5 class sessions will receive a maximum of 10 extra points to be added to their lowest assignment score. For example if a student's lowest assignment score on one of the three course assignments (see above) is 70, then 10 extra points will be added to this score to bring the lowest score up to 80 for that assignment. But students who miss more than 10 class sessions will not receive the letter grade of "A" or "A-" in the course except in cases involving excused absences involving documented medical or athletic obligations by the student. No other extra credit will be awarded in the course.

Student Responsibility (Please read very carefully)

The Instructor will not provide course grade information via e-mail, telephone, or posted grades as student grades will be treated as confidential. Learning disabled students are required to contact Ms. Rita Worrall by Feb. 2, 2004 at the Student Academic Services Center (237-2300). Students are responsible for attending class, completing the full in-class presentation assignment on time, completing the exams and reading the text. The course Instructor shall reserve the right to assign the score of "0" to students who fail to complete the exam(s) and/or paper-presentation. Permission to complete a make up exam or presentation is not automatic and will be determined on a case-by-case basis.

Office Hours

Office hours are from 10:00 a.m. to 10:50 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, and Friday or by appointment in Holmstedt Hall 324, (second floor) phone (812) 237-2519, e-mail psrash@isugw.indstate.edu Students are encouraged to contact the Instructor in the event of questions or course-related problems. Students should leave cell phones off during class.

Important Deadlines Paper-presentation topics are due by, Feb. 2, 2004, the Mid term exam will be given on Mar. 3, 2004, Spring break is Mar. 8-12, 2004, in-class paper presentations begin Mar 15th, final exam week is May 3-7 (The specific exam date will be announced.)