

POLI 4078
African Government and Politics
Spring 2014
12:30-1:30 MWF 218 Coates

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Objective: The course is designed to bring students closer to understanding the complex problems faced by the many countries in Sub-Saharan Africa. It combines aspects of comparative politics and international relations as well as historical and contemporary factors that account for the current condition of the African polity today. It is expected that by the end of the semester, students should have acquired the necessary knowledge for instructive explanations of politics in Africa.

Texts: The following books are required for purchase:

Vincent Khapoya: The African Experience
Boston: Pearson, 4th edition, 2013

Tests, Papers & Exams: There will be a small early take-home test, a midterm exam, and a research paper and presentation on (the politics, problems and prospects of) and African country of your choice, and a final exam. Details of these assignments will be made known as need arises.

Student Responsibilities: Attendance in all class sessions is required. Familiarity with reading material is highly encouraged. Also, students should find on-going information on Africa on a regular basis. Given the distance separating Africa from the United States and the paucity of information on Africa in the U.S., students should take an extra initiative in learning for this course.

Grades: The grades for the course will be determined as follows:

Class Participation	10 pts (Daily)
Early Take-Home Test	20 pts (Due Wed. Feb. 12)
Midterm Exam (in class)	20 pts (Fri. March 14)
Research Paper & Presentation	20+5 pts (Pres. Starts Apr. 17; Paper Due Apr. 28)
Final	<u>25 pts</u> (Thurs. May 08; 10:00-12:00 noon)
	100 pts

A: 100-88

B: 87.9-78

C: 77.9-68

D: 67.9-60

F: Below 60

Apr. 09-11

Africa's International Relations

- The Old Trend: Ties with the Outside world
 - The New Trend: Intra-African Intervention
 - Africa on the World Stage: Current Struggles
- Readings: Khapoya Chap. 8

Apr. 21

Conclusion: The Future

- Conflicting Scenarios

Apr. 21-30

Country Research Presentation

Apr. 28

Country Research Paper Due

May 02

Return Papers/Pre-Final Grades/Review Session

May 08

Final Exam (10:00-12:00 Noon)