

- B. Recognize and apply major concepts in the study of African politics
- C. Able to assess the effects of various social and political structures to determine which are more likely to promote equality, justice, freedom, or other values important to them, and
- D. Able to explain the historical foundations of contemporary African politics.

IV. REQUIRED TEXTS

- A. Keller, E. J. Identity, Citizenship, and Political Conflict in Africa, 2014. Bloomington, Indiana University Press.
- B. Peter J. Schraeder, African Politics and Society: A Mosaic in Transformation, 2004
- C. Englebort, Pierre, & Kevin C. Dunn. 2013. Inside African Politics. Boulder, Colorado. Lynne Rienner Publishers, Inc.
- D. Khapoya, Vincent B. The African Experience. 4th Edition New York, Pearson, 2013 (Recommended. Also on Reserve Desk of Pius Library).

Films: Class readings will be supplemented with films on events in Africa. This is through the generosity of Dr. Niyi Coker, the E. Desmond Lee Endowed Professor of African/African-American Studies at the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

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Mandatory Statement on Face Masks (Fall 2020)

Interim Policy on Face Masks

Attendance

Distance Education Etiquette

Your actions in distance education contexts are just as important as in on-ground, face-to-face educational contexts

friends). Remember that course context and all related written work including chat and discussion board transcripts can be recorded and retrieved.

2. Be cautious when using humor or sarcasm; without the context of facial expressions or other body language, your tone or intent could be missed or misunderstood by others.

3.

the quality of your posts that elevate the discussion (more of this in class).
There will be two quizzes.

Grading Scale and Distribution of Points

- 1.
- 2. Mid-Semester Exam 35
- 3. Final Exam 35
- 4.
- 4. 10

The numerical equivalents of letter grades are:

93-100 = A	83-86 = B	73-76 = C
90-92 = A-	80-82 = B-	70-72 = C-
87-89 = B+	77-79 = C+	60-69 =D
Below 65 = F		

NOTE: Final grades will not be changed unless there is an error in computation.

COURSE OUTLINE

Week 1

Jan. 29 Course Overview

Readings:

Why Study African Politics?

Readings: Englebert & Dunn. Chap 1, pp. 1-6

COLONIALISM AND THE AFRICAN EXPERIENCE

Feb. 1, 3 The Colonial Heritage

- 1. Definition of Colonialism
- 2. Why Europe Colonized Africa
 - a. To Gather Scientific Knowledge
 - b. European Ethnocentrism
 - c. Political
 - d. Economic

Readings: Khapoya, pp. 99-111

Schraeder, pp. 57-62

Englebert & Dunn, Chap 2 pp. 17-27

Study Questions:

- 1. What type of political institutions existed in Africa before the coming of the Europeans? How were they organized?
- 2. What were the myths perpetrated by the Europeans about pre-colonial Africa?
- 3. Can you give examples to debunk some of the myths?

THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE COLONIAL HERITAGE

Week 2

Feb. 5, 8 Political Impacts of Colonialism

- 1. Application of the European Nation-state
- 2. Division of African Nations Among Several States
- 3. Incorporation of Several African Nations into One State

4. Destruction of Traditional Checks and Balances
Readings

4. What were the three most important evolutions of Pan-Africanism?

Week 7

INDEPENDENCE AND AFTER: THE CHALLENGE OF NATION-BUILDING

Mar. 29 Problems at Independence

1. Popular Expectations
2. Economic Development
3. Political Stability

Readings: Khapoya, chapter 6, pp. 183-191

Mar. 31 Identity Politics - Ethnic Dimension of African Politics and Society

1. Conceptualizing Ethnicity

Readings: Schraeder, Chapter 5, pp. 101-103

Arriola, Leonardo and Martha Johnson. Ethnic Politics and

American Journal of Political Science, 58 (2): 495-510

Study Science,

Apr. 23 **Readings:** Keller, Chap. 3
 Blackboard Discussion Entry: Topic will be provided a week earlier.

Week 10

CASE STUDIES

Apr. 26, 28 Nigeria and Ethiopia: Indigeneity and Citizenship Recent Events

Week 11

MILITARY REGIMES

Apr. 30 **Reasons For Coming to Power**

Readings: Schraeder, Chapter 9, pp. 201-204

pp. 129-137

May. 3, 5 **MILITARY REGIMES**

1. Performance in Africa
2. Comparison with Civilian Regimes
3. Return to Barracks

Readings: Schraeder, pp. 209-218

May. 7 **VIDEO AFRICAN COUPS**

Study Questions

1. What factors make military intervention in African politics more likely?
2. What is the role of ethnicity in African politics? Cite examples?
3. What are the different types of military regimes in Africa?
4. What is the nature of governance?
5. Make arguments on some myths about military involvement in politics.
- 6.

May. 10