

WEST AFRICA SINCE 1880 (HIAF 112)

PCYNH 122

M, W, F: 9 A.M.-9:50 A.M.

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This course deals with the History of West Africa from the nineteenth century to the present. The focus on West Africa will enable us to cover a region of the African continent in some detail, but exhaustive coverage of this vast area is not possible given the time constraints of this course. We shall cover the aftermath of the abolition of the Atlantic slave trade, the Islamic revolutions of the nineteenth century, and continue with colonial rule and African resistance. Following the **mid-term exam February 3, 2010** we shall follow West Africa's path to independence and conclude with the complex issues of post-independent and contemporary West Africa.

Students are expected to ensure that their cell phones, pagers, Walkman, etc. are turned **OFF** before entering the classroom. Thank you.

Texts: Price Center Bookstore. Emmanuel K. Akyeampong (ed.), **Themes in West Africa's History** and Cheikh Hamidou Kane, **Ambiguous Adventure** AND **Course Reader: University Readers** . **Please note: The books are also available On Reserve at the Geisel Library.**

IMPORTANT DATES FOR HOLIDAYS, COURSE EXAMS AND PAPER

Holidays: Mondays January 18 and February 15

Mid-Term Exam: February 3

Paper Due In Class: March 1

Final Exam: Wednesday, March 17, 2010 from 8 A.M.-10: 59 A.M. Location: TBA

Paper: Student will write an 8-10 page paper on any theme dealing with West Africa since the nineteenth century. This paper will be due March 1,2010 in class.

Schedule of Lectures and Assignments

Jan. 4	Introduction to the course. Akyeampong, Chs. 1,2
Jan. 6,8,11,13	Abolition of the Slave Trade and Its Aftermath, Akyeampong, Chs.5,6,7, Reader, Sections 1,6,7
Jan. 15, 20	Islamic Revolutions, Reader, Sections 2,3,4,5
Jan. 20,22,25	Imposition of Colonial Rule Reader, Sections 8, 9, 10,11, 12
Jan. 27, 29, Feb. 1	Colonial Rule and Resistance Akyeampong, Ch.10, Reader, Sections 13,14,15,16,17
MID -TERM EXAM	February 2, 2010
Feb. 5,8,10,12,17,19,22,24,26	Nationalism and Independence Reader, Sections 18,19, 20, 21,22,27,29 Cheikh Hamidou Kane, <u>Ambiguous Adventure</u>
PAPER DUE	March 1, 2010
March 1,3,5,8,10,12	Post-Independence and Contemporary West Africa Akyeampong, Chs. 11,12,13 Reader, Sections,23,24,25
<u>FINAL EXAM</u>	<u>Wed. March 17 8 A.M.-11 A.M.</u> Location: TBA