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GEA 3600/AFA 3930 Course Description  
This course presents Geography of Africa from an economic development perspective. We discuss dynamic issues facing contemporary African societies and the challenges that people and nations of this vast Continent are working to resolve. Through lectures, guest speakers, readings, and interactive exercises we will study environmental and resource issues, the impact of historical events on development, education and culture, population distribution, social and political organization, rural and urban systems, industrialization, business and trade, and prospects for the future.  

GEA 3600/AFA 3930 provide 3 Credit Hours of General Education Requirements (GER): S=Social Science  N=International  Gordon Rule: 6,000 words Communication  

Readings/Resources:  
►Aryeeetey-Attsoh, S. *Geography of Sub-Saharan Africa. 3rd Edition.* Prentice-Hall Publisher.  
►Lecture presentations in Canvas.  
   URL: [http://warrington.ufl.edu/centers/ciber/publications/saber.asp](http://warrington.ufl.edu/centers/ciber/publications/saber.asp)  

Other Resources: Guest speakers, videos, additional readings, internet, etc.  

GEA 3600/AFA 3930 Canvas e-Learning System. Canvas provides online access to the course calendar, announcements, information, instructions, resources, course updates, etc. Your scores & grades on assignments, map quiz, and exam will be posted in Canvas.  
[http://lss.at.ufl.edu/](http://lss.at.ufl.edu/)  

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**NOTE:** If there are changes in the contents to be covered in this course, assignments/assessments, and due dates; I will notify you in class and in the Canvas or email announcements.

“**I look forward to working with you this semester.**

**Your educational experience is what you make of it:**
Do your part to get the best from this experience as you earn credits toward your university degree.

**Good luck, learn geography, and have fun in this class, too.**

**Have a great semester!”**

*~Dr. McDade Gordon*

**Schedule of Topics & Dates Listed Below**
**WEEK 1: August 25 & 27:**
Topics: Course Objectives & Review of Assignments
Overview of Geography of Africa.
▲ **Readings:** Lecture Presentation in Canvas.
Africa’s Physical Environment
▲ **Readings:** Chapter 3: The Physical Environment, pp. 31-61.

*Note: All Readings include the Topic’s Lecture Presentations uploaded in Canvas.

**WEEK 2: September 1 & 3:**
Topic: Physical Environment (continued)
► 1: In-Class Interviews for Mini-Biography.
► 4: Write-up of Mini-Biography Due. Upload into Canvas.

**WEEK 3: September 8 & 10:**
Topic: Human-Environmental Impacts
▲ **Readings:** Chapter 4: Human-Environmental Impacts, pp. 63-87.
► 10: In-Class Activity.

**WEEK 4: September 15 & 17:**
Topic: Historical Geography
▲ **Readings:** Chapter 5: Historical Geography of Sub-Saharan Africa, pp. 93-120.

**WEEK 5: September 22 & 24:**
Topics: Political Landscape
▲ **Readings:** Chapter 6: Political Landscape, pp. 121-148.
► 24: Map Quiz: In-class.

**WEEK 6: September 29, October 1:**
Topic: Sociocultural Context, Conflict, Confluence, Change
▲ **Readings:** Chapter 7: Culture, Conflict and Change, pp. 151-164.
► 29: In-Class Activity.

**WEEK 7: October 6 & 8:**
Topic: Sociocultural Context (continued)
▲ **Readings:** Chapter 7: 164-177.
► 9: First Analysis Report Due. Upload into Canvas

**WEEK 8: October 13 & 15:**
Topic: Population Geography of Africa
▲ **Readings:** Chapter 8: Population Geography, pp. 179-184.
► 13: Midterm Exam Review
► 15: Midterm Exam. In-Class. Covers materials to this point.

**WEEK 9: October 20 & 22:**
Topics: Population; Geography Gender & Development
▲ **Readings:** Chapter 8: pp. 184-201
Chapter 12: pp. 305-318
► 20: In-Class Activity.
**WEEK 10: October 27 & 29:**
Topic: Gender; Medical Geography of Africa
   Chapter 13: Medical Geography, pp. 333-363.

**WEEK 11: November 3 & 5:**
Topics: Infrastructure; Urbanization.
▲Readings: Chapter 10: pp. 243-263
   Chapter 11: pp. 265-269
►3: In-Class Activity.

**WEEK 12: November 10 & 12:**
Topics: Urbanization; Rural Development.
▲Readings:
►13: Second Analysis Report Due. Upload into Canvas

**WEEK 13: November 17 & 19:**
Topics: Rural Development; Business, Entrepreneurship, Trade
▲Readings: Chapter 14: pp. 379-400.
►19: In-Class Activity.

**WEEK 14: November 24:**
Topics: Business, Entrepreneurship, Trade
   ●Sub-Saharan Africa Business Environment Report (SABER)
   http://warrington.ufl.edu/ciber/publications/saber.asp

**WEEK 15: December 1 & 3:**
   ●Sub-Saharan Africa Business Environment Report (SABER)
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►3: Assessment Exam Review

**WEEK 16: December 8.**
Topic: Winning the Future for Africa.
►8: Assessment Exam. In-Class

*Have a Happy Inter-Session/Holiday Season*