



Shanghai Jiao Tong University

HI946 Africa and the World

<b>Instructor:</b>	TBD	<b>Email:</b>	
<b>Instructor's Home Institution:</b>		<b>Office:</b>	TBD
<b>Office Hours:</b>	TBD		
<b>Term:</b>	15 July –9 August, 2019	<b>Credits:</b>	4 units
<b>Classroom:</b>	TBD	<b>Teaching Assistant(s):</b>	TBD
<b>Class Hours:</b>	Monday through Friday, 120 mins / teaching day		
<b>Discussion Session:</b>	2 hours each week, leaded by teaching assistant(s)		
<b>Total Contact Hours:</b>	66 contact hours (1 contact hour = 45 mins, 3000 mins in total)		
<b>Required Texts (w/ ISBN):</b>	Erik Gilbert and Jonathan Reynolds, Africa in World History: From Prehistory to the Present. 3rd Edition (2012). ISBN-13: 978-0205053995		
<b>Prerequisite:</b>	N/A		



## Course Overview

World history is intricately linked to the study of Africa, the second largest continent on the planet where the human species originated. Since the earliest times, African societies and economies have participated in the large movements of people, ideas and goods that have shaped the course of history in other parts of the world. In Ancient Egypt flourished the first civilization in world history, which influenced the development of complex societies in Europe and the Middle East. The trans-Saharan trade system would transport many African resources, such as gold, to markets of the Mediterranean and the Middle East. Then, after the Portuguese maritime inventions of the fifteenth century, the trade of other products and enslaved Africans would be the main focus of the trans-Atlantic trade complex. The nineteenth and twentieth centuries were marked by the colonization of Africa by multiple European power who sought to extract African resources directly. Today, more than ever, most developed countries depend on key resources from Africa for the purposes of consumption and industrial manufacturing. The course will introduce students broadly to the African continent's global connections past and present.

## Course Goals

Students will familiarize themselves with the history of the Africa, its geography, cultural diversity, and political. They will identify key debates within the field of African history and confront the many oversimplified myths regarding Africa and its people. By concentrating on Africa's connections to the wider world, students will develop an understanding of some of main themes in world history. They will read and analyze multiple primary sources, written by outsiders and Africans, in order to develop important analytical skills. By the end of the course, students will have gained an understanding of the place of Africa in world history, from the earliest until more recent times. They will be able to describe the multifarious ways in which African cultures and resources have shaped the world we live in today.

## Grading Policy

Map Quiz	5%	This quiz will be based on the study of the modern map of Africa
Mid-term Examination	30%	This is an in-class exam which will include identifications and an essay question. A study guide will be provided a week ahead of the exam.
Term Paper	25%	Students will choose a question from a list provided and develop an essay (5-6 pages)



## Grading Scale

Your letter grade will be assigned according the following scale:

Number grade	Letter grade	GPA
90-100	A	4.0
85-89	A-	3.7
80-84	B+	3.3
75-79	B	3.0
70-74	B-	2.7
67-69	C+	2.3
65-66	C	2.0
62-64	C-	1.7
60-61	D	1.0
≤59	F (Failure)	0

## Related Matters

1. The use of cell phones, and similar devices is not permitted during the class without the permission of the instructor.
2. Class attendance is a primary and required form of class participation. Students will be encouraged to contribute to class discussion. Class participation grades will reflect any unexcused absences. Students who wish an absence from class to be excused must meet with the teaching assistant to establish that it was related to medical or similar academically legitimate reasons.



## Course Schedule

Day	Lectures	Readings
Day 1	Introduction. African Geography and Cultural Diversity	chap. 1
Day 2	Human Origins	chap. 2
Day 3	From Hunter-Gatherers to Farmers	chap. 3
Day 4	Settlements, Metallurgy & Early Migrations	chap. 4
Day 5	<i>Map Quiz</i> Ancient Egypt: First World Civilization	
Day 6	World Religions in Africa	chap. 6
Day 7	Islam Spread to North & West Africa	chap. 7
Day 8	Muslim societies in East Africa	chap. 8
Day 9	Mid-term Examination. This examination will cover the lectures and required readings from Day 1-8.	
Day 10	Slave trades in and out of Africa	chap. 9
Day 11	West Africa's Atlantic Economies	chap. 10
Day 12	Slave Trades in North and East Africa	chaps. 11 & 12
Day 13	Dutch Settlers in South Africa	chap. 13
Day 14	Europe Conquest and African Resistance	chap. 14
Day 15	Colonial Economies	chap. 15
Day 16	Colonial Rules and Wars <i>Term Paper Due</i>	chap. 16
Day 17	Cultural and Political Changes	chap. 17
Day 18	Rise of Independence	chap. 18
Day 19	Africa in the World Today	chap. 19
Day 20	<i>Final Exam</i> . This examination will cover the lectures and required readings since the midterm exam.	