

**UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY-AFRICA**  
**DEVELOPMENTAL ISSUES IN AFRICA**  
**IRL 3010**  
**COURSE SYLLABUS**  
**INSTRUCTOR:**

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**COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

This course explores different issues affecting the development process of Africa's states, and examines them from their historical perspective. The purpose is to acquaint our students with these issues in detail, so as to understand how best they can be addressed now and in future. The course will begin by looking at the question pre-colonial African environment, the impact of colonialism on the continent. Thus enabling us to understand the behaviours of African states and development process after achieving their important. Students are expected to read widely and use internet sources as much as necessary

**COURSE CONTENT:**

**WEEK 1 INTRODUCTION**

- Meaning of development
- Causes of Africa's Crisis
- Pre-colonial heritage
- Slave trade
- Colonization

**WEEK 2 INTERNALISM VS EXTERNALISM DEBATE**

- Colonial legacy
- Bad leadership
- Corruption
- Mismanagement

**WEEK 3. QUASI-STATEHOOD, ITS NEGATIVE IMPACT ON DEVELOPMENT**

- Negative nationalism and ethnicity
- Patronage
- Negative Sovereignty and Quasi-Statehood
- Ideology and Models of Orientation

**WEEK 4. DEPENDENCY-DECOLONIZATION DEBATE**

- Philosophy of Foreign Aid
- Multinational Corporations and EU
- IMF and World Bank (political and economic conditionalities)
- Structural Adjustment

**WEEK 5. CRISIS MANAGEMENT AND COMMODITY EXPORTS**

- Debt Crisis Visited
- The Fracer's Report on Africa's Commodity Problems

**WEEK 6. THE IMPACT OF RELIGION ON CULTURE AND CLASS IN AFRICA**

- Tradition and Under Development
- Christianity and Islam as Sources of Conflict
- Cultural Integration and Disintegration
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## **Week 7. Models of Economic Planning and Policy**

- Case Studies of Nigeria Senegal and Botswana
- Policy Failure and Limitations
- Agricultural problems and food security
- Industrial policies
- Environmental problems

### WEEK 8. STRATEGIES AND SOLUTIONS FOR AFRICA'S PROBLEMS

- Industrial Strategies
- Good Governance
- Regional Integration
- Prudent utilization and utilization of resources.
- Policy reform and re-adjustment

### WEEK 9. AFRICA'S DEVELOPMENT IN RETROSPECT

- Conclusion

## **READING MATERIALS**

Sahn E. David (1994) Adjusting to policy failure in Africa Economies (London and Cornell University)

Alemayehu Makonnen (1999) Industrializing Africa: Development Options and Challenges for The 21<sup>st</sup> Century (Trenton, New Jersey, Africa World Press, Inc)

Chileshe N. Jonathan (1998) Nothing Wrong With Africa Except..... ( New Delhi, Vibas Publishing House PVT LTD)

Young Crawford (1982) Ideology and Development in Africa (New Haven and London, Yale University Press)

Bell Morag (1987) Contemporary Africa: Development, Culture and the State (New York, Longman Scientific and Technical)

Ayittey B. N. George (1998) Africa In Chaos ( New York, St Martins Griffin)

Davidson (1994) Modern Africa: A social and Political History ( London- and New York, Longman)

Gordon L. Donald and Gordon A. April (2001) Understanding Contemporary Africa (London, Boulder, Lynne Riemer Publishers)

Harbeson W. John and Rothchild Donald (1995) Africa la World Politics: post cold war challenges (Boulder, San Francisco, Oxford, West view Press)

## **EVALUATION:**

Class attendance and participation	1	10%
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Mid-Quarter examination	20%	
Assignments		20%
Term paper		20%
Final Examination		30%
TOTAL	100%	

GRADING:

90-100	A
87-89	A-
84-86	B+
80-83	B
77-79	B-
74-76	C+
70-73	C
67-69	C-
64-66	D+
62-63	D
60-61	D-
59 & Below	F