

Department .: Sociology

Course number : Soci 226W

Title : Modern Africa

Credits : 3

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Catalog Copy : Soci 226. Modern Africa. Either Semester. Three credits . Gugler. Cultural patterns, social structure, and political conflict in Subsaharan Africa.

Soci 226W. Modern Africa. Prerequisite: Engl 110 or 111 or 250.

W Criteria: This course requires students to write four separate essays of four to five pages each. These essays allow the student to explore different aspects of the class in greater detail than would be the case otherwise. For example, some of the papers will focus on representations of modern Africa in film, and the students will be required to tie together the cultural and structural aspects of life in Africa as based on the film. This type of integrative thinking is crucial in a sociological education, and it happens best in written assignments.

The papers are marked by the professor who returns them to the students to redo in light of the professor's comments. This writing accounts for half of the overall course grade, and the writing section must be passed in order for the student to pass the course. This requirement will be indicated in the course syllabus.

Students receive various forms of writing instruction for the course. They receive formal instruction before the essays on how to write; they receive written commentary on their writing; and they must read William A. Johnson's *The Sociology Student Writer's Manual*.

Opportunities for revision are created by creating a separate file for each student. The entire file is due every time that an essay is due, which allows the faculty member to monitor the students' progress over the semester.

Role of Grad Students : None