

Not applicable

- C. Elective
The course will serve as an elective
- D. Course transferability
Course should transfer as a free elective in the Social Sciences.
- E. Honors course (See IX.)
Not applicable

V. General Education Goals

The course will address the following General education Goals
1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12

VI. Student Learning Outcomes

Students will be able to identify and describe the following:

- The four different traditional adaptive strategies
- The basic geographic features including biomes, geology and climates of East Africa
- The underlying geologic forces creating the Rift Valley
- The key components of the savannah ecosystem and the inter-relations within that system such as predator-prey and variable rains
- The underlying social forces causing urbanization and the consequences of urbanization
- The social impact of Arab and European contact
- The forces leading to the independence of Tanzania

VII. Outline of Course Content

Week 1-The Physical Landscape

- Geology
- Climate

Week 2-The East African Biomes

- Savannah
- Marine: Fresh and Salt Water
- Forest

Week 3-The Human Dimension: Prehistory

- First humans to the Iron Age

Weeks 4 and 5-The Human Dimension: Contemporary Peoples

- Foragers
- Farmers
- Pastoralists
- The City Dwellers: Urbanization

Week 6-Colonization: Arab, German and British Influences

- Colonialism and Slavery: Its Impact and Legacy

Week 7-Independence and the Modern State

- The Emergence of the Contemporary Tanzanian State
- Position in Geo-Politics: Africa and Global

The course will conclude with a 2-week study course in Tanzania.

Student evaluation

Map test

Essay test prior to field trip

Research paper integrating classroom presentations, readings, field observations and research
Journal

VIII. Suggested Materials

Reading

Required

African Trilogy by Peter Mathiessen

Africa: A Biography of a Continent by John Reader

The Worlds of a Maasai Warrior : An Autobiography by Tepilit Ole Saitoti

Recommended

North of South : An African Journey by Shiva Naipul

National Audubon Society Field Guide to African Wildlife

by Peter Alden, Richard D. Estes (Contributor), Duane Schlitter (Contributor), Bunny McBride

The Safari Companion : A Guide to Watching African Mammals Including Hoofed Mammals, Carnivores, and Primates by Richard D. Estes, et al