

CMLT/AFST 4890/6890: SURVEY OF AFRICAN LITERATURE II

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COURSE OBJECTIVE

To give students an understanding and appreciation of the literature and culture of the African people by a study of representative works of African literature written since the independence of African countries in the 1960s. Topics of emphasis will include the portrayal of neo-colonialism, the betrayal of independence and the aspirations of the masses, the need for social and political justice, as well as the search for African aesthetics by African writers.

TEXTBOOKS

Chinua Achebe, *Anthills of the Savannah*

Sembene Ousmane, *Xala*

Okot p'Bitek, *Song of Lawino*

Ngugi wa Thiong'o, *Petals of Blood*

Buchi Emecheta, *The Bride Price*

Wole Soyinka, *Death and the King's Horseman*

COURSE CALENDAR

WEEKS

1. August 17 - 21
Course Introduction
2. August 24 - 28
Anthills of the Savannah
3. August 31 – September 4
Anthills of the Savannah
4. September 7 - 11
Xala
5. September 14 - 18
Xala
6. September 21 - 25
Song of Lawino
7. September 28 – October 2
Song of Lawino
8. October 5 - 8
10/6/2009: Objective Test I
Petals of Blood
9. October 11 - 15
Petals of Blood
10/13/2009: Term paper topic assigned
10. October 19 - 23
Petals of Blood
11. October 26 – 29 (**10/30/2009: Spring Break**)

- Petals of Blood*
12. November 2 - 6
The Bride Price
13. November 9 - 13
The Bride Price
14. November 16 - 20
11/17/2009: Term paper due
Death and the King's Horseman
15. November 23 – 27: **Thanksgiving break**
Death and the Kings Horseman
16. November 30 – December 4
12/1/2009: Objective Test II
Course overview.

FINAL EXAM: Friday December 11, 2009, 12:00 – 3:00:00 p.m.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURE

1. Students are required to read all assigned texts, attend all classes and participate in class activities. Absence from class, with or without excuse, for more than 25% of the scheduled classes will be penalized by deducting twenty points from the student's final grade points. Students are asked to report to the instructor at once potential causes of prolonged absence from class, such as an illness or accident, so that the instructor can inform the student of what to do, otherwise the class absence policy will apply.

2. Students will take two objective tests, each comprising of 25% of the final grade (total 50%), on the dates shown in the course calendar. Students are required to take the tests on those dates, and there will be no makeup tests unless an exception has been requested by the student and granted by the instructor before the time of the test.

3. In addition to the two objective tests, **CMLT/AFST 4890** students will write a typed term paper of no less than **four** double-spaced pages on a topic to be assigned by the instructor at the beginning of the second half of the semester. The term paper will comprise 25% of the final grade.

4. In addition to the two objective tests, **CMLT/AFST 6890** students will write a typed **documented** paper of no less than **eight** double-spaced pages on a topic to be assigned them or on a topic of their own choice which has been approved by the instructor at the beginning of the second half of the semester. The documented paper will comprise 50% of the final grade, and the graduate students will not take a final examination in the course.

5. **CMLT/AFST 4890** students will take a final examination comprising 25% of the final grade on the date shown in the course calendar, unless a change in the date has been announced to the class by the Instructor. **CMLT/AFST 4890** students are required to take and pass the final examination in order to pass the course.

6. All academic work must meet the standards contained in "A Culture of Honesty." Students are responsible for informing themselves about those standards before performing any academic work.

This course syllabus provides a general plan for the course: deviations may be necessary.