Spring 2020. This is the 2nd semester of the study of Africa.

Following the course content format below, we will begin a focus on the countries of North Africa.

Algeria, Egypt, Libya, Morocco, Sudan, Tunisia, & Other territories of the region.

Emphasis will be on the modern countries, their populations, governments, regional ties & current issues.

Spring: North Africa

Course Content: Overview of the region. Learning about the land through geography, natural environment; People through their ethnicities, languages, religions & material cultures. History, government, political systems, economies, demographics, health & social systems, political tensions, alliances, & conflicts.

As always, there are important & interesting events past & present, personalities and issues which will be developed in more depth as relevant to the country/region & class interests.

Power Point presentations are created by the instructor for each country/region. Handouts include maps, news articles, background topics. Discussions & contributions among participants.

Dr. Henry Louis Gates, Jr’s DVD: Africa’s Great Civilizations, will be a supplemental audiovisual. AND, as always, music of local artists will start the morning.

Class members are encouraged to share their recommended readings, knowledge about & experiences.
Tentative Schedule

Week 1: Feb 04 – Introductions & Overview of North Africa.
Week 2: Feb 11 – Regional Geography & Historical highlights.
Week 3: Feb 18 – North African Countries & Territories
Week 4: Feb 25 - Algeria
Week 5: Mar 3 - Egypt
Week 6: Mar 10 - Libya

Mar 17 – Spring Break

Week 7: Mar 24 - Morocco
Week 8: Mar 31 – Tunisia

Week 9: Apr 07 – Additional discussion

Week 10: Apr 14 – Wrap up

Countries covered in the previous 5 years:

Overview of the continent of Africa.
South Asia: Afghanistan, Pakistan, Iran.
Central Asia: Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, & Tajikistan.
Caucasus: Georgia, Azerbaijan, Armenia, North Caucasus Region.
Central & Eastern Europe: Austria, Hungary, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Poland, East Germany, Belarus, Moldova & Ukraine.
Russia: Russia.
Nordic & Baltic: Sweden, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania. (Iceland)
The Balkans: Greece, Macedonia, Albania, Montenegro, Croatia, Slovakia.
South América: Perú, Chile, Bolivia, Argentina, Uruguay, Paraguay, Brasil.
East Asia: Eastern Russia, Mongolia, China, Japan, Korea S & N, Taiwan.