Course requirements

The Issues in African Development Seminar Series examines critical concerns in contemporary Africa using a different theme each semester. The seminars provide a forum for participants to explore alternative perspectives and exchange ideas. They are also a focal activity for students and faculty interested in African development.

Students enrolled in the course for credit must attend 10 out of the 12 seminar discussions. Active participation is encouraged during seminar discussions. Enrolled students must submit a 10-page (double-spaced) evaluative paper of the seminar. Students may discuss questions related to the theme, choosing a topic from among those discussed in the seminar series, or alternatively give a general overview of the series in terms of lessons learned, etc. Specific examples from the seminar presentations are encouraged. The course is a two-credit hour course and is graded S/U.

Students may present alternate views to topics raised in the series and may include some formal research to strengthen their evaluation or views. The overall tone of the paper must be evaluative. Students may also include in the paper ways to improve the seminar series as well as suggestions for future speakers.

Papers should be e-mailed to er26@cornell.edu or sent to the IAD office (190E Uris Hall). IAD will not accept faxed papers. Deadline is December 14, 2015. Students who do not submit their papers by the deadline will receive an unsatisfactory (U) for the course.

Announcements regarding the seminar and presenters’ papers/power-points are available on the course blackboard.

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