

**OPEN TO ALL MAJORS**

# Issues in African Development

## **AASP 398D (3 credits)**

Is there too much population growth in Africa?

How is HIV/AIDS affecting economic growth in Africa?

How is the status of women changing in Africa?

How can malaria be eradicated on the continent?

What is the role of the developed world in solving



## **Course description:**

This course will address these questions and others as an introduction to the study of development on the African continent. Development is a field of study that brings together a range of disciplines in order to address issues central to the improvement of human life. Within this broad framework, however, there is often little consensus on 1) identifying the key development issues; 2) understanding the multiple dimensions of the issues; and 3) developing appropriate responses to address these issues. Through lectures, readings, films, discussions and writing, students will have an opportunity to engage with these debates. In particular, you will learn to think critically about the ways in which Africa is portrayed in the academic literature, popular press, and media. Issues of focus include population dynamics, gender, health, migration, HIV/AIDS, and globalization with particular attention paid to the role of culture.

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