RARITAN VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

FORMAT FOR NEW COURSE OUTLINE

The purpose of this Course Outline format is to assist faculty in the preparation of course outlines to assure college-wide consistency among course outlines and to facilitate articulation of Raritan Valley Community College academic courses with four-year institution.

I. Basic Course Information

A.	Course Number and Title: Tanzania	GEOG 150 - Global Visions:	The Cultural	Geography of
B.	Date of Proposal or Revision: October 9, 2001			
C.	Sponsoring Department: Social Sciences and Human Services			
D.	Semester Credit Hours: 3			
E.	Weekly Contact Hours:	2 hours plus 2 week travel program		 ory

- F. Prerequisites: None
- G. Laboratory Fees: Students must participate in the travel portion of the course

II. Catalog Description

Course examines the cultural geography of East Africa using Tanzania as a case study. The course allows students to study the physical geography, cultural landscape, pre-history and modern history of the area. Tanzania, like all countries has its own unique history, however it illustrates many features shared by most East African nations. The course concludes with a two-week trip to Tanzania where students will be able to observe directly the features discussed in class.

III. Statement of Course Need (Include only for new course proposals)

This course continues the recently established pattern of offering travel study courses. This will allow both traditional (credit) and non-traditional students the opportunity to combine the benefits of classroom study with direct field observations.

IV. Place of Course in College Curriculum

- A. Satisfies general education requirements Not applicable
 - 1. Communication
 - 2. Humanities
 - 3. Mathematics and Science
 - 4. Social Science
- B. Degree program, option, or certificate requirement (specify program, option, or certificate)

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