

Master Syllabus

HIS 2215 - Survey of African History

Division: Liberal Arts, Communication and Social Sciences

Department: History

Credit Hour Total: 3.0

Lecture Hrs: 3.0

Date Revised: June 2014

Course Description:

Overview of the history of Africa from prehistoric times to the present; special emphasis on modern challenges the continent faces.

General Education Outcomes:

- ❑ Oral Communication Competency
- ❑ Written Communication Competency
- ❑ Critical Thinking/Problem Solving Competency
- ❑ Values/Citizenship/Community Competency
- ❑ Computer Literacy Competency
- ❑ Information Literacy Competency

Course Outcomes:

Reading and comprehension skills

Demonstrate reading and comprehension skills by synthesizing the content of scholarly writing on African history and evaluating the effectiveness of written works.

Assessment Method: Locally developed exams
Performance Criteria: Meets 70% of rubric

Assessment Method: Portfolios
Performance Criteria: Meets 70% of rubric

Current trends

Apply knowledge of African history to the understanding of contemporary social, political, and economic issues and trends.

Assessment Method: Locally developed exams
Performance Criteria: Meets 70% of rubric

Assessment Method: Portfolios
Performance Criteria: Meets 70% of rubric

Primary sources

Critically analyze primary source documents in African history and use them to construct well-organized, well-argued historical accounts.

Assessment Method: Locally developed exams
Performance Criteria: Meets 70% of rubric

Assessment Method: Portfolios
Performance Criteria: Meets 70% of rubric

Historical interpretations

Demonstrate knowledge of the evolving historical interpretations of major topics and eras in African history.

Assessment Method: Locally developed exams
Performance Criteria: Meets 70% of rubric

Outline:

Approaches to African History
Prehistoric Africa and the Origins of Civilization
Egypt
Ancient African Kingdoms
Traditional Culture and Society
Traditional Religions and the Coming of Christianity and Islam
Slave Trade and Slavery
Colonialism
Independence
Movements
Post Independence Developments
The African Union
Current Issues and Trends, including: Health
Genocide
Environmental Concerns
State Development
Africa's Changing Relationship With The World