

## 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

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### 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
- ▣ Written Communication
- ▣ Critical Thinking/Problem Solving
- ▣ Values/Citizenship/Community
- ▣ Computer Literacy
- ▣ Information Literacy

### 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