

Liverpool John Moores University

Title: The Making of Modern Africa: Colonial and Post Colonial Histories, 1880 to the present
Status: Definitive
Code: **5016HIST** (120160)
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Owning School/Faculty: Humanities and Social Science
Teaching School/Faculty: Humanities and Social Science

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Academic Level: FHEQ5 **Credit Value:** 24.00 **Total Delivered Hours:** 54.00
Total Learning Hours: 240 **Private Study:** 186

Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Standard Year Long

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	26.000
Seminar	26.000

Grading Basis: 40 %

Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Essay	AS1		50.0	
Exam	AS2		50.0	2.00

Aims

- 1) introduce students to the modern history of sub-Saharan Africa
- 2) enhance their knowledge of key concepts and themes in modern African history
- 3) help students reflect on and evaluate on the major debates on Africa's modern history
- 4) promote the skills of independent reading, writing and oral communication

Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Demonstrate a detailed and sound understanding of African history 1880 to the present
- 2 Evaluate and critique key aspects of African history in essay form
- 3 Synthesise and evaluate a range of historical literature on African history

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

The assessment item list is assessed via the learning outcomes listed:

2000word essay	2	3
2 hour unseen	1	

Outline Syllabus

Africa in history: sources and representation
Pre-colonial Africa: states and stateless societies?
The Scramble for Africa: partitioning a continent
Colonial rule: Violence, chieftaincy and the colonial state
Colonial economies
Gender in African history
World War and Africa
The late colonial state
Decolonisation to 1964
Decolonisation and liberation war
The survival of the colonial state? Post-colonial Africa
Military regimes in post-colonial Africa
Africa since 1990: Neo-liberalism, elections and conflict
Western NGOs and emergency intervention in post-colonial Africa
South Africa: Industrialisation and the contradictions of apartheid
Identity politics: tribe and nation
Christianity and Islam in Africa
Demography and health in Africa

Learning Activities

Lectures and seminars
Guided reading in preparation for seminars

Notes

This module will introduce students to the history of sub-Saharan Africa since the advent of European colonial rule in the late nineteenth century. It shows modern African history to be shaped by the character of Africa's place in the world, and by the dynamism of African societies; by the unequal yet ambiguous power relationships between colonial and postcolonial global actors, African elites and peoples; by the tensions of gender, generational and status inequality which have powered social and political change within African societies; by the use and transformation of universalist languages of rights and freedoms by Africans eager to free themselves from oppression and domination; and by the constant interactions between cultures and political systems which make a nonsense of claims that Africa has been outside of world history. The module will first provide a chronological overview of the period, covering colonial rule, decolonisation, and the period since independence. It will then examine a number of over-arching themes in modern African history: gender, health and demography, ethnicity and nationalism, and the history of humanitarianism in post-colonial Africa.