

Liverpool John Moores University

Title: Colonial Africa, 1880-1994
Status: Definitive
Code: **5506BICIRP** (129670)
Version Start Date: 01-08-2021

Owning School/Faculty: Humanities and Social Science
Teaching School/Faculty: Beaconhouse Group

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Academic Level: FHEQ5
Credit Value: 20
Total Delivered Hours: 35
Total Learning Hours: 200
Private Study: 165

Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Semester 2

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	11
Online	2
Seminar	11
Tutorial	11

Grading Basis: 40 %

Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Portfolio	AS1	2250 word portfolio comprised of 3 x 750 word critical article reviews	50	
Essay	AS2	2500 word essay	50	

Aims

1. To introduce students to modern African history
2. To develop students' understanding of colonial rule in Africa
3. To develop students' understanding of decolonisation in Africa

Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Analyse particular aspects of colonialism in Africa
- 2 Analyse the differing patterns of decolonisation across the continent
- 3 Understand the ways in which Africa's modern history is shaped by the interaction between colonial states and African agency

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

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

2250 word portfolio	2	3
2500 word essay	1	3

Outline Syllabus

Pre-colonial Africa; Colonial rule; Colonial economies; Gender in African history; Christianity and Islam in Africa; World War and developmentalism; Decolonisation to 1964; Decolonisation and liberation war; The rise and fall of apartheid;

Learning Activities

Lectures, seminars and tutorials

Notes

This module introduces students to the history of sub-Saharan Africa under colonial rule. It is important to emphasise that this is not simply a module about European colonialism. We must indeed understand the agendas and policies of European colonial states in Africa. But it is equally important to understand the character of African responses to those agendas, and the ways in which African 'agency' shaped the outcomes of colonial interventions in African societies on the ground. Colonialism was made by Africans at least as much as it was made by Europeans. This module uses a blend of political, social and economic history approaches to understand the way colonial Africa was shaped by these interactions between coloniser and colonised. It also addresses the history of decolonisation in the continent and analyses the differing processes by which independence was achieved across the continent, playing particular attention to the wars of liberation fought in the territories of white settlement in southern Africa right up to the end of apartheid in 1994.