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General Syllabus

HIST 3613 Colonial Africa

Credit Hours: 3

Lecture Hours: 3

Prerequisites: ENGL 1213 Composition II or ENGL 1233 Honors Composition and HIST 1123 Civilizations of the World to 1500 or HIST 1133 Civilizations of the World since 1500

Effective Catalog: 2019-20

I. Course Information

A. Catalog Description

Examines the causes of European imperialism in Africa, the African reaction to European colonialism, and the impact of colonial rule on Africa.

B. Additional Information

This course represents an effort by the History Department to broaden the course offerings in the history of the non-western world. The course conveys the dynamism and adaptability of African societies in the wake of unprecedented challenges following their encounter with the expanding European powers.

II. Student Learning Outcomes

A. Subject Matter

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Identify the major colonial powers in Africa and the areas they colonized.
2. Interpret the major historical developments preceding the partitioning of Africa and eventual colonization by European powers.
3. Describe the significance of the Berlin Conference of 1884-85 to Africa.
4. Analyze the reaction of Africans to the European invasion and colonization of Africa.
5. Evaluate the various administrative systems used by the colonial powers in Africa.
6. Demonstrate the transformation of African societies following the European colonization of Africa.

7. Describe the rise of African nationalism and evaluate its impact on European colonialism.
8. Illustrate the decolonization process and the eventual achievement of independence by the African nations.

B. University Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

Global and Cultural Perspectives

Students will demonstrate understanding of the interaction between the Africans and the European powers.

Communication Skills (written and oral)

By writing research projects, students will demonstrate the motives of European colonialism and the effect of colonial rule in Africa. Students will also present their research in class as a way to improve their oral communication skills.

III. Major Course Topics

- A. The Land and the Peoples of Africa
- B. The Traditional Institutions of Pre-colonial Africa
- C. Prelude to Colonization: Mapping Out Africa
- D. European Invasion of Africa, 1870-1900
- E. African Response to European Invasion
- F. Pacification and the Administrative Systems of the Colonial Powers: Indirect,
- G. Association and Assimilation
- H. Western Education and Christianity as agents of Colonial Rule
- I. Pan-Africanism as a Challenge to the Colonial Rule
- J. The Rise of African Nationalism: from elite to mass nationalism
- K. Decolonization and Transfer of Power
- L. Colonial Legacies, Neo-colonialism, and the Cold War