

Themes and Regions in African History (A005317)

Course size (nominal values; actual values may depend on programme)

Credits 5.0 Study time 150 h Contact hrs 45.0 h

Course offerings in academic year 2018-2019

A (semester 2) Dutch

Lecturers in academic year 2018-2019

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Offered in the following programmes in 2018-2019

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Bachelor of Arts in African Languages and Cultures	5	A
Linking Course Master of Arts in African Studies	5	A
Preparatory Course Master of Arts in African Studies	5	A

Teaching languages

Dutch, English

Keywords

Africa, history, regional history, important themes in African history

Position of the course

The objective of this course is to give students a more profound insight in certain themes and/or regions in African history.

Contents

Depending on the teacher the course will focus on the history of the African Great Lakes region or on the aftermath of slavery. For the course focusing on the Great Lakes (mainly Burundi, Rwanda, Uganda and DR Congo) the course will provide a chronological overview (19th century-today) but zooming in on themes such as state-formation, identity, colonial state(s), resistance movements, conflict. Special attention is given to what connects this region (does it make sense to talk about 'the Great Lakes region?') but also to the specificities of communities and polities within this region. The importance of different geographical scales is also emphasized within this course. For the classes focusing on more recent events special attention is given to the historical roots of contemporary dynamics and to the connections between past and present.

Initial competences

Having taken the course History of Africa I or II, or having taken classes in political or social sciences with a geographical focus on Africa is advised although not compulsory.

Final competences

- 1 To have profound knowledge and insight in the Great Lakes region and in the most important themes and dynamics that have shaped this region
- 2 To have insight in the theoretical frameworks of the themes studied, to be able to use these frameworks to analyze the history of this region and to understand how these frameworks can be used for understanding other regions
- 3 To understand how past and present are connected and to be able to explain *longue durée* historical processes
- 4 To have insight in the importance of different geographical scales (communities, states, nations, regions etc.) and how they interact with each other

Conditions for credit contract

Access to this course unit via a credit contract is unrestricted: the student takes into consideration the conditions mentioned in 'Starting Competences'

Conditions for exam contract

This course unit cannot be taken via an exam contract

Teaching methods

Guided self-study, microteaching, seminar, self-reliant study activities, lecture: response lecture

Extra information on the teaching methods

TBA

Learning materials and price

Reader with a broad selection of texts, available through Minerva

References

Course content-related study coaching

Evaluation methods

end-of-term evaluation and continuous assessment

Examination methods in case of periodic evaluation during the first examination period

Oral examination, assignment

Examination methods in case of periodic evaluation during the second examination period

Oral examination, assignment

Examination methods in case of permanent evaluation

Participation

Possibilities of retake in case of permanent evaluation

not applicable

Extra information on the examination methods

TBA

Calculation of the examination mark