

Brief Course Outline

Course Title: European Imperialism in Africa, 1830-1994

Course Number and Section:

HISTORY

2604F 550

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Course Description:

This course begins with an examination of the French invasion of Algeria in 1830 from which it proceeds to a close study of the “scramble for Africa” in the late 1800s. From that basis, the class examines the period of colonial domination of the continent, the growth of colonial nationalisms, the process and wars of decolonization, the end of white minority rule in Rhodesia and South Africa, and, briefly, the problems of African nation states post-independence. The goals of the course are myriad but include acquainting students with the history of modern Africa and teaching them to consider that history from an Afro-centric perspective.

Learning Outcomes:

Improved writing skills
Improved grammar and prose
Improved research skills
Improved reasoning and logical thinking
Improved ability to discuss complex ideas in group settings
Improved presentation and leadership skills
Comprehension of the themes of modern African History
Comprehension of the importance of considering History from multiple perspectives
Comprehension of how Eurocentrism has distorted westerners' understanding of African History

Textbooks and Course Materials:

All course materials are available through the library catalogue or the library course readings service.

Methods Of Evaluation:

Assignment	Due Date mm/dd/yy	Weight - %
Map Test	09/16/2025	10
Mid-Term Exam	10/28/2025	15
Reading Reflections		10
Group Presentation		20
Final Exam		25
Participation		20

In solidarity with the Anishinaabe, Haudenosaunee, Lūnaapéewak, and Chonnonton peoples on whose traditional treaty and unceded territories this course is shared.

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