

COURSE DETAIL

AFRICAN ECONOMIC HISTORY

Country

South Africa

Host Institution

University of Cape Town

Program(s)

University of Cape Town

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Economics African Studies

UCEAP Course Number

148

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

AFRICAN ECONOMIC HISTORY

UCEAP Transcript Title

AFRICAN ECON HIST

UCEAP Quarter Units

10.00

UCEAP Semester Units

6.70

Course Description

The course explores debates and approaches to the study of economic history in Africa, placing South Africa's economic history within the context of the continent as a whole. It examines the economic legacies of colonialism, and the place of institutions in the growth and development of the continent. Using comparisons between different regions and countries, this course investigates why countries which are resource rich have not been able to use these resources to improve living standards and encourage broad-based economic development. It also examines the roles international business and labor have played in the economic history of individual countries. Finally, the course tracks the changing place of Africa in the global economy. Course entry requirements: At least two courses in historical, social science or cultural studies offered by the Faculty of Humanities.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

HST3045S

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Host Institution Course Details

<https://www.uct.ac.za/sites/default/files/media/documents/uct-handbook-09a-2025...>

Host Institution Campus

University of Cape Town

Host Institution Faculty

Humanities

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

History

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