COURSE DETAIL

AFRICA IN THE CONTEMPORARY WORLD
Country United Kingdom - Scotland
Host Institution University of Edinburgh
Program(s) University of Edinburgh
UCEAP Course Level Upper Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) Political Science History
UCEAP Course Number 105
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title AFRICA IN THE CONTEMPORARY WORLD
UCEAP Transcript Title AFRICA CONTEM WORLD
UCEAP Quarter Units 8.00
UCEAP Semester Units 5.30

Course Description

The aim of the course is to introduce students to the exciting inter-disciplinary study of contemporary Africa. The course will engage with African societies by examining the history, politics, economy, anthropology and culture of the continent and will explicitly draw on a range of disciplinary approaches. By taking this course students will gain knowledge of contemporary Africa and will be sensitized to the diverse experiences of continuity and change on the continent and how Africa is situated and understood by different actors within global debates on topical issues. Africa in the Contemporary World will appeal to students from a diverse range of courses that touch on issues related to contemporary Africa. It will also be appealing to students who wish to go to Africa to pursue work or study. For students who wish to continue to study Africa in more depth, the course will expose students to a range of disciplines and research processes relevant to the study of contemporary Africa. Africa is also a focus for students interested in questions of international development and globalization and the course will address and provide a context for a deeper engagement with these topics. The lectures will cover two related topics each week and will be delivered by lecturers from the Centre of African Studies as well as lecturers from across the school who will bring expertise on specific topics for this introductory course. Tutorials will provide the opportunity for students to discuss and develop their own ideas and form an independent response to the readings and lectures. The tutors will assist in clarifying key concepts and will assist students in developing a critical analysis of the material. The tutors will also provide feedback on presentations and support the peer feedback sessions on essay plans. Students will be encouraged to attend extra-curricular events run by the Centre of African Studies and the School such as film screenings and seminar series as well as University talks on topics related to Africa. Students will also be encouraged to read a number of contemporary African novels. Indicative Themes: Africa and the long duree Colonialism and post-colonialism Liberation struggles and nationalism Citizenship, ethnicity and identity Social movements and democratization Law and governance Conflict and civil war Poverty and economic change Aid, debt and trade The informal economy China in Africa Migration Land and the environment Food security and climate change Population dynamics Health and disease Religion, gender and the family

Popular culture Cities Is Africa Rising? For Whom?

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
AFRI08008

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Host Institution Course Details

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University of Edinburgh

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

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School of Social and Political Science

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