

COURSE DETAIL

CONFLICT AND CONQUEST

Country

South Africa

Host Institution

University of Cape Town

Program(s)

University of Cape Town

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

History

UCEAP Course Number

107

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

CONFLICT AND CONQUEST

UCEAP Transcript Title

CONFLICT & CONQUEST

UCEAP Quarter Units

7.00

UCEAP Semester Units

4.70

Course Description

This course introduces the long pasts of the southern African region before the twentieth century. Instead of assuming that this history was inevitably leading to the emergence of a nation-state, this course examines the complex historical processes of making and unmaking of identities and territories. The topics include historiographical debates, the nature of precolonial societies and states, colonial conquest and violence, slavery and resistance, colonial governance, frontier narratives, missionary power, the mineral revolution and the South African War at the end of the nineteenth century. Rather than privileging the action of settlers, this course focuses on the ways in which African people remade and reformulated their polities and societies in the context of conflict and conquest. In drawing on historical materials from different interior regions of southern Africa, it also challenges the Cape-centric bias of the conventional historiography. DP requirements: 100% of required coursework and course evaluation. Assessment: Coursework counts for 50% of the final mark, and one examination at the end of the semester counts for 50%. Course entry requirements: At least two courses in historical, social science or cultural studies offered by the Faculty of Humanities, or by permission of the Head of Department.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

HST2042F,HST2042S,HST2042FS

Host Institution Course Title

CONFLICT AND CONQUEST: SOUTH AFRICA TO 1900

Host Institution Course Details

<https://www.uct.ac.za/sites/default/files/media/documents/2026-hum-handbook-9a-...>

Host Institution Campus

University of Cape Town

Host Institution Faculty

Humanities

Host Institution Degree**Host Institution Department**

Historical Studies

Course Last Reviewed

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