

COURSE DETAIL

AFRICA AND THE INDIAN OCEAN

Country

Italy

Host Institution

University of Bologna

Program(s)

University of Bologna

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

History

UCEAP Course Number

135

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

AFRICA AND THE INDIAN OCEAN

UCEAP Transcript Title

AFRICA&INDIAN OCEAN

UCEAP Quarter Units

6.00

UCEAP Semester Units

4.00

Course Description

This course is part of the Laurea Magistrale degree program and is intended for advanced level students. Enrollment is by permission of the instructor. During the course, students learn how to critically engage with the historiographical debates that characterize the fields of Indian Ocean Studies and African History. They reflect on the historical and cultural connections between the African continent and the Indian Ocean World and what this meant for the societies involved. Students gain an understanding of processes of South-South relations within the Global South and learn how to adopt a *longue-durée* perspective in the study of history. Thanks to the reading of archival sources, historical novels, and scholarly works, students are able to conceptualize the movement and circulation of people, goods, and ideas beyond landlocked nation-states and land-based histories, without necessarily starting from Europe. At the end of the course, students reach an understanding of the history of Africa and its relations to Indian Ocean cultures, economies, and societies, and are able to engage with a non-Eurocentric approach to historical processes of globalization. The course is separated into three parts: The spatial and chronological boundaries of the Indian Ocean; East Africa and the Indian Ocean; and the circulation of people and commodities in the Indian Ocean world.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

B4821

Host Institution Course Title

AFRICA AND THE INDIAN OCEAN (1) (LM)

Host Institution Course Details

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Host Institution Campus

BOLOGNA

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

LM in GLOBAL CULTURES

Host Institution Department

History and Cultures

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