

COURSE DETAIL

BLACK FRANCOPHONE THOUGHT: FROM NÉGRITUDE TO AFROTOPIA

Country

South Africa

Host Institution

University of Cape Town

Program(s)

University of Cape Town

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

African Studies

UCEAP Course Number

129

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

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UCEAP Transcript Title

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UCEAP Quarter Units

8.00

UCEAP Semester Units

5.30

Course Description

This course offers an introduction to key thinkers, moments, and movements from Francophone Africa and the African diaspora (including the Caribbean, the Indian Ocean, and France). It provides a diachronic survey focusing on selective figures and their main texts which have been shaping the cultural, social, and political imagination of/on Africa and the African diaspora until today. Focal points include the Négritude movement; anti-colonialism, Pan-Africanism, and independence; and contemporary postcolonial critique as well as current emancipatory thinking, comprising notions such as "Postcolony", "Necropolitics", "Afropolitanism", "Afrotopia", "Afrodystopia", and "Universality". These mostly Africa-centered conceptualizations will be read alongside influential thought produced in the larger African diaspora and Afro-descendant context outside the Continent, addressing three geographical and cultural contexts: the Francophone Caribbean, with "Antillanité", "Créolité" and "Relation"; the Francophone Indian Ocean Islands with "Creolization" and "Liquid Africa"; and France with critical debates around "Francophonie", "Afropeanism", and "heritage restoration". DP requirements: At least 80% of attendance at lectures and tutorials; completion and timely submission of all assignments. Assessment: Continuous assessment (essays, projects, tests, etc.) counts 100%.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

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SLL2090S

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Host Institution Course Details

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Host Institution Campus

University of Cape Town

Host Institution Faculty

Humanities

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

Languages and Literature

Course Last Reviewed

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