History 184 (formerly History 12B)
Introduction to African History, 1885 to the Present
3 units; 3 hours lecture
Recommended Preparation: eligibility for English 1A
Credit, degree applicable Transfer CSU, UC

This course is a survey of the political, economic and social development of Africa from 1885 to the present. Special emphasis will be given to colonial conquest and African resistance to European rule, influence of Christian missionaries and Islam in Africa, the striving for independence and decolonization, and the struggle against apartheid in South Africa.

Course objectives:

1. Evaluate historical evidence and differing interpretations of the African past.
2. Identify the major geographical features of Africa and assess their significance to the development of African societies.
3. Discuss the political, economic and social conditions of the major African states on the eve of the Berlin Conference (1884-1885) and analyze the impact early European incursions had on the development of African societies.
4. Explain the factors that led to the New Imperialism of late nineteenth-century Europe and the Scramble for Africa.
5. Analyze the process of conquest and the differing forms of African resistance to European dominance.
6. Describe the various patterns of colonization and exploitation employed by the colonial powers and evaluate their impact on African political, economic and social development.
7. Assess the impact of Christianity and education on African societies.
8. Explain the role Africans played in World War I and the effect the war had on the development of African nationalism.
9. Identify and evaluate the effectiveness of the various independence movements that emerged after World War II and discuss the differing patterns of decolonization.
10. Analyze the different approaches to nation building taken by African states and discuss the success and failures of these methods.
11. Discuss Africa's colonial legacy and explain its impact on the political, economic, social and cultural development of the continent's independent states.
12. Analyze the evolution of racism in South Africa and the imposition and overthrow of apartheid in the twentieth century.
13. Identify contemporary political, economic, social and cultural issues related to African development and explain their historical context.

Student Learning Outcomes: Upon completion of Introduction to African History, 1855 to the Present, students will be able to develop and persuasively argue a historical thesis in a written assignment that identifies and explains major social, economic, political and/or cultural historical themes or patterns in African history since 1855 and apply appropriate historical methods to analyze and use primary and/or secondary sources as evidence to support the thesis.

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