

Course Syllabus

African Studies: The Dynamics of African Societies 12 Credits*, First Cycle Level 2

Learning Outcomes

On completion of this course, the student should be able to:

- show a deepened knowledge of a selection of political, social and economic features of African societies since the early 19th century
- demonstrate the ability to analyse issues of continuity and change in African societies
- demonstrate an understanding of synchronic and diachronic approaches to the study of African societies and to the study of the relationship between Europe and Africa over time.

Course Content

In the course synchronic and diachronic approaches to African societies from the early 1800s to the present are studied. The main subjects to be taken up in the course are the structure of African economies; the principles of political organization; the links between the individual and the collective; the natural resource base; and the production and reproduction of material culture in different African cultures.

Assessment

Students are assessed through active participation in seminars, the presentation of research reviews and written work.

Forms of Study

Teaching is conducted in the form of lectures and seminars. The course involves interdisciplinary approaches and methods to describe and analyse the dynamics and structure of African societies. All teaching is in English.

Grades

The Swedish grades A–F.

Prerequisites

60 credits in the field of Humanities, Social Sciences or Education and English 6. No knowledge of Swedish is required

Other Information

Replaces HI2002.

Subject:

African Studies

Group of Subjects:

Other Interdisciplinary Studies

Disciplinary Domain:

Humanities, 100%

This course can be included in the following main field(s) of study:

1. African Studies

Progression Indicator within (each) main field of study:

1. G2F

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