

Course Syllabus

African Studies: The Dynamics of African Societies 12 Credits*, Second Cycle Level 1

Learning Outcomes

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

- show general knowledge and a critical understanding of political, social and economic features of African societies since the early 19th century
- demonstrate a deeper ability to analyse issues of continuity and change in African societies.
- demonstrate an in-depth understanding of and an ability to apply 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

This course takes up synchronic and diachronic approaches to African societies from the early 1800s to the present. The main issues of 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 societies.

Assessment

Students are assessed through active participation in seminars, the presentation of research results 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

Bachelor Degree of 180 credits in the field of Humanities, Social Sciences or Education and English 6

Other Information

Replaces AS3002.

Subject:

History

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. A1N

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