

Subject overview

This subject offers a comprehensive insight into Africa's present political and economic conditions as they have been shaped by the past. Emphasis is on those forces that now impact African nations as they confront for the challenges of the 21st century: good governance, political stability, sub-regional and continental security, and economic integration.

Learning Outcomes

By the completion of this subject, students will be able to:

- Identify the major forces that have shaped African Politics since independence
- Recognize the challenges confronting the African State
- Analyze the emergence, characteristics and the consequences of authoritarianism

Assessment overview

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| • Essay #1 (1,000 words) | 20% of total assessment |
| • Essay #2 (1,000 words) | 20% of total assessment |
| • Major Written Examination (2,000 words) | 50% of total assessment |
| • Participation | 10% of total assessment |

Subject modules

- Colonial Rule in Africa and its impact
- Nationalist/Independence Movements and Decolonization
- The collapse of Liberalisation and the Emergence of One-Party Rule
- Coups and the Military in Africa
- The political economy of decline in Africa
- The OAU/AU African Integration
- Governance and Development
- New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD), Challenges of Governance Reforms, and African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM)
- The future of Africa in the Global World

Required readings

- Schraeder, J.P. (Eds). (2000). *African politics and society: A mosaic in transformation*. Bedford, MA, USA: Wadsworth Publishing.
- Martin, P.M. & O'Meara, P. (Eds). (1995) *Africa* (3rd Ed.). Indiana, USA: Indiana University Press.
- Gordon, A.A. & Gordon, D.L. (Eds) (2001). *Understanding contemporary Africa* (3rd Ed.). London, UK: Lynne Rienner Publishers.

Questions?

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