

HIST 3391: History of West Africa

3 Credit Hours

Prerequisite: Must have earned at least 30 credit hours.

A history of West Africa from the earliest times to the present. The course emphasizes cultural continuities and changes, trade and cultural ties with North Africa, and contemporary challenges of economic development and nation building in the region. It examines important themes like village, urban, and community life; the formation of mini and mega states such as Ghana, Mali, and Songhai empires; the creation of trans-Saharan and trans-Atlantic trade networks; traditional religion, Islam, and Christianity; European colonialism and African resistances; and decolonization.

HIST 3392: History of Southern, Eastern and Central Africa

3 Credit Hours

Prerequisite: Must have earned at least 30 credit hours.

A history of Southern, Eastern, and Central Africa from the earliest times to the present. The course emphasizes continuities and changes in African culture, African participation in Indian Ocean and Middle Eastern trade networks, and the impact of European colonization. It examines important themes like Bantu migration and state formation in Central Africa; the emergence of the Ethiopian kingdom; the impact of the Zulu Mfecane; Swahili culture and Omani rule in East Africa; Dutch settlement and the development of apartheid; and the achievement of Black majority rule in South Africa.

HIST 3396: Cooperative Study

1-3 Credit Hours

Prerequisite: Approval of the co-op coordinator.

A supervised work experience program for a minimum of two academic semesters at a site in business, industry, or government. For sophomore, junior, or senior level students who wish to obtain successive on the job experience in conjunction with their academic training.