

Health & Disease in African History

HIS/AFS 368

Satisfies: SBS+ [DEC: J]

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Health and disease lie at the intersection of social, political, economic, biological, and cultural processes. In other words, they have changed throughout human history, and they are not just defined by scientists and doctors but by many more actors. This course has two goals: to introduce students to the study of disease and health as historical phenomena and to examine Africa's importance within global and regional histories of these subjects. We will explore how the experiences of sickness and well-being have changed over time. This course is offered as both AFS 368 and HIS 368.