

HIS 350
Africa Under Colonial Rule

Summer-I
Asynchronous (Online)

Satisfies: SBS+ [DEC: J]

Thematic Categories: "Law, Politics & Social Justice", "Race, Religion, Gender & Sexualities"

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What was the state of Africa on the eve of European conquest? How did the colonial system operate? How did Africans respond to colonial rule? Guided by these questions, this course will examine Africa's past from the late 19th century when colonial rule officially began to the mid-20th century when several African countries gained independence. We will take a thematic as well as chronological approach to discuss the history of Africa from Africans' own perspectives. We cannot fully cover the history of such a large continent with incredible diversity and complexity in one summer session. However, we will explore several themes including resistance and resilience; tradition and modernity; women and gender; anti-colonialism and nationalism. We will read academic articles, book chapters, and watch short videos and documentaries. Course requirements will include weekly discussion posts, map activity, and a final essay. All course materials will be posted on Brightspace.