

Faculty of Arts and Letters



HIST2610 History of sub-Saharan Africa

[15h] 1.5 credits

This course is taught in the 1st semester

Teacher(s): Philippe Denis
Language: French
Level: Second cycle

Aims

By the end of this course, the student should have developed the following competencies:

- a) a general knowledge of the history of sub-saharan Africa from the precolonial period to the present;
- b) have mastered essential elements of the debate on colonialism and post-colonialism;
- c) have studied archeological, written and oral sources used in writing the history of sub-saharan Africa;
- d) have the capacity to head a simple research project on an aspect of the history of sub-saharan Africa.

Main themes

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Content and teaching methods

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Other information (prerequisite, evaluation (assessment methods), course materials recommended readings, ...)

Prerequisites : sufficient knowledge of the historical method (two years of 'candidature' in history or in a related discipline).

Evaluation : a ten to fifteen page essay sent to the instructor by internet within a time limit. This essay demonstrates: (a) intellectual mastery of the course contents; b) the student's research capacity.

Teaching materials : Student notes.

Other credits in programs

DVLP3DS	Diplôme d'études spécialisées en études du développement	(1.5 credits)
DVLP3DS/AD	Diplôme d'études spécialisées en études du développement (Analyse du développement)	(1.5 credits)
DVLP3DS/AF	Diplôme d'études spécialisées en études du développement (études africaines)	(1.5 credits)
FLE3DS	Diplôme d'études spécialisées en enseignement du français langue étrangère ou seconde	(1.5 credits)
HIST21	Première licence en histoire	(1.5 credits)
HIST22	Deuxième licence en histoire	(1.5 credits)