

Syllabus

Course Code: HIST 215

Title: African Civilization

Institute: Business and Social Science

Department: History

Course Description: The student will describe the environmental, historical and social-cultural factors that have shaped and continue to shape the course of human affairs in Africa. In addition, the relationship of the continent with the African Diaspora and the place of Africa in world civilization will be discussed and evaluated.

Prerequisites: READ 095 and ENGL 095 or satisfactory completion of the College's foundational studies requirement in reading and writing.

Corequisites: Click or tap here to enter text.

Credits: 3

Lecture Hours: 3

Lab/Studio Hours: 0

Required Textbook/Materials: See bookstore for the most current information.

Additional Time Requirements: For information on Brookdale's policy on credit hour requirements and outside class student work refer to [Academic Credit Hour Policy](#).

Additional Support/Labs:

See <https://www.brookdalecc.edu/academic-tutoring/>

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Course Learning Outcomes:

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Identify and synthesize the history of Africa, including its natural resources, environment, cultural institutions, economic institutions, religion, the Atlantic Slave Trade, colonialism by Western powers, national movements, and the myths and stereotypes. (Historical/Societal Analysis)
- Write effectively in an expository manner and in a historical context. (Communication)
- Express critical thinking skills by comparing historical analyses, and by reading, comprehending, and evaluating historical documents (Critical Thinking) (Information Literacy)
- Recognize the enormous diversity of experiences in African history. (Community and Workplace)

Course Content:

UNIT 1: Early African Civilization Continental Profiles African Traditional Institutions Civilizations of the Nile Valley Kingdoms and Empires of the Western Sudan City-States and Societies of East Africa, Southern Africa, and Central Africa

UNIT 2: The European Incursion the Atlantic Slave Trade the New Imperialism Colonial Rule The Colonial Legacy

UNIT 3: African Independence Nationalist Movements Pan-Africanism and Non-Alignment Contemporary African Problems Special Issues

Department Policies: Click or tap here to enter text.

Grading Standard:

Students will achieve grades of A, A-, B+, B, B-, C+, C, D, or F according to the chart below:

100-93% = A

92-90% = A-

89-87% = B+

86-83% = B

82-80% = B-

79-77% = C+

76-70% = C

69-65% = D

Less than 65%= F

PLEASE SEE INDIVIDUAL INSTRUCTOR ADDENDUMS FOR GRADING POLICIES

College Policies:

As an academic institution, Brookdale facilitates the free exchange of ideas, upholds the virtues of civil discourse, and honors diverse perspectives informed by credible sources. Our College values all students and strives for inclusion and safety regardless of a student's disability, age, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity, country of origin, immigration status, religious affiliation, political orientation, socioeconomic standing, and veteran status. For additional information, support services, and engagement opportunities, please visit www.brookdalecc.edu/support.

For information regarding:

- Academic Integrity Code
- Student Conduct Code
- Student Grade Appeal Process

Please refer to the [student handbook](#) and [catalog](#).

Notification for Students with Disabilities:

Brookdale Community College offers reasonable accommodations and/or services to persons with disabilities. Students with disabilities who wish to self-identify must contact the Accessibility Services Office at 732-224-2730 (voice) or 732-842-4211 (TTY) to provide appropriate documentation of the disability and request specific accommodations or services. If a student qualifies, reasonable accommodations and/or services, which are appropriate for the college level and are recommended in the documentation, can be approved.

Mental Health:

24/7/365 Resources:

- Monmouth Medical Center Psychiatric Emergency Services at **(732) 923-6999**
- 2nd Floor Youth Helpline – Available to talk with you about any problem, distress, or hardship you are experiencing. Call or text at **888-222-2228** or visit the website at <https://www.2ndfloor.org/>

Faculty Counselors:

- Students who need to make an appointment with a faculty counselor can do so by calling 732-224-1822 (non-emergency line) during business hours. Faculty counselors are licensed mental health professionals who can assist students and refer them to other mental health resources.

Diversity Statement:

Brookdale Community College fosters an environment of inclusion and belonging. We promote a safe and open culture, encourage dialogue respecting diverse perspectives informed by credible sources, and uphold the virtues of civil discourse. We celebrate all identities with the understanding that ultimately, diversity, equity, and inclusion cultivate belonging and make us a stronger Brookdale community.

**The syllabus is intended to give student guidance in what may be covered during the semester and will be followed as closely as possible. However, the faculty member reserves the right to modify, supplement, and make changes as the need arise.*