

Faculty of Economics and Political Science
Politics & Religion and Military Regimes in Africa

Information :

Course Code : PSC 402 **Level :** Undergraduate **Course Hours :** 3.00- Hours

Department : Department of Political Science

Area Of Study :

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Course Goals:

- Draw correlations between the historical developments of the colonial era in Africa;
- Address prime challenges (economic, social, psychological and political) in colonial and post-colonial Africa;
- Comprehend and analyze different case studies using visual aid as well as text books and literature on the African colonial and post-colonial era;
- Provide sufficient ability to compare and contrast between elements of the African experience and that of the Arab countries, as well as the impact of colonial and post-colonial Africa on trade, political power games and economic calculations; regionally and internationally.

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Course outcomes :

a. Knowledge and Understanding: :

1 -	Define relationship between religion and politics in different case studies in Africa;
2 -	Recognize common traits between historical developments of different countries and be able to analyze their <i>raison d'être</i>
3 -	Identify the reasons behind current political, economic, religious and military structures in various cases studies in Africa.

b. Intellectual Skills: :

1 -	Explain in details and using sufficient visual and written materials, the main ideas understood and substantial problematic proposed throughout the course
2 -	Combine historical understanding of the African colonial phase, with how this affects today's various societies, political systems and economies in Africa

c. Professional and Practical Skills: :

1 -	Relate between different countries and their experience and draw relationships between the commons and differences between them while understanding why
2 -	Illustrate a comprehensive understanding of the theoretical literature discussed, while being able to apply the theories and ideas studied in analyzing a chosen case study or even in colonial or post-colonial Africa
3 -	Employ knowledge and theories to find solution or propose scenarios to current affairs, and indicate how these may have an influence on the Arab region in general and Egyptian case in particular.

d. General and Transferable Skills: :

1 -	Allow the exposure to difference references and sources of knowledge on the same topics in the course in order to gain a comprehensive knowledge
2 -	Expose and challenge own ability to higher level texts, during research and presentation to intensify linguistic and analytical skills
3 -	Compare and contrast other world examples during their colonial periods to that of the African example such as the Arab region as well as examples and cases in Latin America and Asia

Course Topic And Contents :

Topic	No. of hours	Lecture	Tutorial / Practical
Introductory Lecture and Course Outline	3	1	
Geographical Introduction: Pre-Colonial, Colonial and Post-Colonial Africa	3	1	
Colonialism and the African Experience: regional powers, resistance, Franz Fanon	6	2	
The Development of African Nationalism, Rebel militias and Religious movements	6	2	
Midterm Exam		1	
The struggle for freedom and independence: regional and international alliances	6	2	
The development of a new wave of dictatorships of the national militia	3	1	
Civil wars, rape, mass-killings, poverty and starvation in post-colonial Africa	9	3	
Common traits between African and Arab states, regional and international influences	3	1	
Final Exam		1	

Teaching And Learning Methodologies :

Demonstration videos
Presentation
Simulations
Debates
Group discussion
Research Paper

Course Assessment :

Methods of assessment	Relative weight %	Week No	Assess What
Course Work (Attendance, Participation, Assignments, Quizzes, Research Paper) D	30.00		To assess understanding, and to assess theoretical background of the intellectual and practical skills.
Final Exam	40.00	15	To assess knowledge and intellectual skills.
Midterm Exam(s)	30.00	7	To assess professional skills.

Recommended books :

Franz Fanon, The Wretched of the Earth, Penguin Publications, 2005.