

# HUM 211 : CULTURE AND LITERATURE OF AFRICA

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## Transcript title

Culture Literature Of Africa

## Credits

4

## Grading mode

Standard letter grades

## Total contact hours

40

## Lecture hours

40

## Recommended preparation

WR 121Z.

## Course Description

Introductory study of representative oral arts, literature, film and related creative arts, in English or in translation, of sub-Saharan African peoples, examined in context of their histories and cultural traditions.

## Course learning outcomes

1. Identify distinctive characteristics, genres, periods, and themes of traditional and modern African orature, literature, and film (e.g., proverb wisdom, call-and-response, praise-poetry, African griot traditions, colonial and post-colonial African "response" literature, anti-apartheid resistance arts).
2. Explain how individual African texts reflect their historical, national/regional, cultural, biographical, and sociopolitical contexts.
3. Explain significant cross-cultural differences and similarities among different African texts and their cultures; between African language arts/cultures and one's own; and/or between African works and cultures and those of other non-Western groups.
4. Demonstrate analytical skills, using evidence from primary and secondary sources to illustrate and support one's argument.

## Content outline

1. History and cultural traditions of various sub-Saharan peoples
2. Storytelling elements across film, orature, literature
3. Distinctive characteristics, genres, periods, and themes of traditional and modern African orature, literature, and film (e.g., proverb wisdom, call-and-response, praise-poetry, African griot traditions, colonial and post-colonial African "response" literature, anti-apartheid resistance arts)

## Required materials

Required materials include readings from a textbook and/ or articles provided on the LMS, a flash drive or other means of storing work, a notebook or laptop for taking notes and participating in any in-class writing activities, and a writing utensil.

## General education/Related instruction lists

- Cultural Literacy
- Arts and Letters