

HUM 211 : CULTURE AND LITERATURE OF AFRICA

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