HISU-336: Islam in Africa: History and Culture

African civilizations in the Mediterranean and sub-Saharan regions have shaped world history. This course is intended to introduce the student to the history of Africa from the emergence of Islam to the Present day. Students will critically examine how African civilization developed and interacted, with Islamic belief, values, principles and practices. Students will approach African history from a variety of perspectives that critically explore scholarly debates over African identities and contemporary development. The practice of Islam in the continent is not static and is constantly being reshaped by prevalent social, economic, and political conditions. Interdisciplinary exploration into the cultures and societies of West, East, North and South Africa will be explored. A research component is also added to this course where the students read thoroughly and critically in order to arrive to a comprehensive conclusion. The instructional method combines lecture-discussion, guest speaker, attending events, multimedia instruction and interactive student presentations.

Credits: 3

Program: Historical Studies

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