

# Minnesota State University Moorhead

## ANTH 313: Understanding Contemporary Africa

### A. COURSE DESCRIPTION

Credits: 3

Lecture Hours/Week: 3

Lab Hours/Week: 0

OJT Hours/Week: \*.\*

Prerequisites: None

Corequisites: None

MnTC Goals: Goal 08 - Global Perspective

This course examines societies and cultures of contemporary Sub-Saharan Africa to promote a better understanding of the continent's place in the global system. MnTC Goal 8.

### B. COURSE EFFECTIVE DATES: 05/17/2010 - Present

### C. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS

1. Popular images of Africa and the facts.
2. Africa's environments - geography and climate.
3. African prehistory and history.
4. The Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade and colonization.
5. Resistance, liberation, and independence.
6. Family and kinship in Africa.
7. Religion in Africa.
8. Modern African economies.
9. African politics.
10. African women.
11. Human rights, economic development, and the AIDS crisis.

### D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (General)

1. To examine the extant sociocultural diversity in modern Africa.
2. To understand the impact of historical and natural forces on the societies and cultures of modern Africa and their role in creating Africa's contemporary challenges.
3. To become more aware of the realities of daily life that most Africans face and recognize similarities with our own circumstances.
4. To appreciate what the societies and cultures of Sub-Saharan Africa contribute to the human mosaic.

## **E. Minnesota Transfer Curriculum Goal Area(s) and Competencies**

### Goal 08 - Global Perspective

1. Describe and analyze political, economic, and cultural elements which influence relations of states and societies in their historical and contemporary dimensions.
2. Demonstrate knowledge of cultural, social, religious and linguistic differences.
3. Analyze specific international problems, illustrating the cultural, economic, and political differences that affect their solution.
4. Understand the role of a world citizen and the responsibility world citizens share for their common global future.

## **F. LEARNER OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT**

As noted on course syllabus

## **G. SPECIAL INFORMATION**

None noted