



History (HIST) 205

Africa in the World - Between the Atlantic Slave Trade and the Postcolonial World (Revision 1)

Status: Replaced with new revision, see the **course listing** [↗](#) for the current revision **✕**

Delivery mode: Individualized study online [↗](#)

Credits: 3

Areas of study: Arts or Humanities

Prerequisites: None

Precluded: None

Challenge: HIST 205 is not available for challenge.

Faculty: Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences [↗](#)

Overview

History 205: Africa in the World: Between the Atlantic Slave Trade and the Postcolonial World involves a broad-ranging discussion that covers the situation of Africans in their continental homeland and the situation of people of African descent dispersed throughout the Americas as a result of the Atlantic slave trade. The course covers the situation of Africans in their continental homeland and the situation of people of African descent dispersed in the Americas as a result of the Atlantic Slave Trade. HIST 205 is about the effects of white/European exploitation and domination over African people in Africa and in the Atlantic World, but it is also about the varying ways in which Africans shaped the world in which they were dominated. This is a course about slavery. It is also about slave struggles to maintain their sense of humanity, and also their efforts to overthrow slavery as a system (as in the case of the Haitian Revolution). It is a course about colonialism in Africa and about racial domination and the decades-long struggles of Africans to end colonialism and attain full equality both in Africa and New World societies that denied them basic citizenship rights well into the sixties. The course concerns politics as well as African cultural expression in so far as politics and culture were mutually impactful on the lives of diasporic African people.



Outline

History 205: Africa in the World: Between the Atlantic Slave Trade and the Postcolonial World comprises five units as outlined below, which are further divided into lessons.

- Unit 1: The Atlantic Slave Trade and Africans in the Making of the Atlantic World
- Unit 2: Africa and Africans in the New World During the Era of Abolition, 1808 to 1920
- Unit 3: Africa and Peoples of African Descent in the Era of Colonialism and Racial Segregation
- Unit 4: Africa and Peoples of African Descent Since World War II and the Struggle for Independence and Social Equality
- Unit 5: Africa in the World Today

Evaluation

Your final grade for *History 205: Africa in the World* is based on your performance on three written assignments and a final exam. The final exam is closed-book and invigilated; you will have three hours in which to write the exam.

To **receive credit**  for HIST 205, you must achieve a grade of at least 50% on the final exam and a course composite grade of at least **D (50 percent)**  to pass the course. Students who do not achieve a minimum passing grade of 50% on the final exam will be allowed to write a supplemental exam, for which a fee will be charged.

The three written assignments are book reviews of works by significant African authors. Each work addresses a different aspect of the course. Since you will be reading these books while you are completing the course units, you will need to allow time in your schedule for this extra reading, on top of the required reading for each of the five units. Be sure to plan your time accordingly.

The following table indicates the credit activity, the weighting for each credit assignment, the week you should begin the assignment, and the week it is due according to the suggested study schedule.

Activity	Weight	Complete by
Assignment 1: Book Review of <i>The Interesting Narrative and Other Writings</i> , by Olaudah Equiano	20% of final grade	Begin Assignment 1 in Week 4 of the suggested study schedule; submit completed Assignment 1 in Week 7
Assignment 2: Book Review of <i>Native Life in South Africa</i> , by Sol T. Plaatjie	20% of final grade	Begin Assignment 2 in Week 11 of the suggested study schedule; submit completed Assignment 2 in Week 17

Activity	Weight	Complete by
Assignment 3: Book Review of Wizard of the Crow: A Novel, by Ngugi Wa Thiong'a	20% of final grade	Begin Assignment 3 in Week 19 of the suggested study schedule; submit completed Assignment 3 in Week 23
Online Final Exam	40% of final grade	
Total	100%	

The **final examination** for this course must be taken online with an AU-approved exam invigilator at an approved invigilation centre. It is your responsibility to ensure your chosen invigilation centre can accommodate online exams. For a list of invigilators who can accommodate online exams, visit the **Exam Invigilation Network** [↗](#).

To learn more about assignments and examinations, please refer to Athabasca University's **online Calendar** [↗](#).

Materials

Manning, Patrick. *The African Diaspora: A History Through Culture*.

New York: Columbia University Press, 2009.  (Print)

Equiano, Olaudah. *The Interesting Narrative and Other Writings*.

Penguin Classics, 1995, 2003.  (Print)

Plaatjie, Sol T. *Native Life in South Africa*. Ohio University Press, 1991,

Pan Macmillan South Africa, 2007.  (Print)

Wa Thiong'a, Ngugi. *Wizard of the Crow: A Novel*. Pantheon Books, 2006.  (Print)

The course materials for *History 205: Africa in the World: Between the Atlantic Slave Trade and the Postcolonial World* are a combination of print and online materials. The online materials are found on the course website. The offline materials are listed above. The course package you received by postal mail should have included these items. If you find that any items are missing from your course package, contact Course Materials at Athabasca University, toll free from anywhere in Canada or the United States at 1-800-788-9041, and select the option that connects you with the Course Materials department (ext. 6366). Students in the Edmonton and Calgary dialing areas are asked to call the Athabasca University offices in these locations to connect with the automated attendant, and then dial the four-digit extension. If you live outside of Canada or the United States, or if you do not wish to use the automated system, you may call 1-780-675-6366. You may also send an email message to **cmat@athabascau.ca**, or write in care of Course Materials, Tim Byrne Centre, 4001 Hwy 2 South, Athabasca, AB Canada T9S 1A4.

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- › **Request assistance** [↗](#)
- › **Support services** [↗](#)

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