

HIS 3025: HISTORY OF KENYA
COURSE SYLLABUS,
CREDIT: 4 UNITS
INSTRUCTOR:

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The course examines the historical transformation of Kenya from the onset of colonialism. Starting with a survey of the peoples of Kenya in 1890s, it deals with the interacting forces, events and people that have shaped Kenya in the 20th Century.

COURSE OBJECTIVE

- To give students an understanding of Kenya's historical evolution
- To expose students to the forces that have affected modern Kenya.

COURSE CONTENT

Week 1

Pre-colonial Kenyan societies

Week 2

Reactions to the establishment of colonialism

Week 3

The coming of the settlers

Week 4

Thuku and Devonshire White Paper

Week 5

World War II and KAU

MID-QUARTER EXAM

Week 6

The Mau Mau War

Week 7

Independence for Kenya

Week 8

Politics and economics in Kenyatta's Kenya

Week 9

The 1982 Coup attempt and its effect on Kenya

Week 10

Prelude to multi-partyism and the election of 1992

Week 11

FINAL EXAMINATION

TEACHING METHODOLOGY

Lectures, discussions, and audio-visual presentations

COURSE TEXTS

Bruce Berman & John Lonsdale, Unhappy Valley: Conflict in Kenya and Africa, Book 1, (Nairobi: Heinemann, 1992.)

B.A Ogot and William Ochieng' editors Decolonization and Independence in Kenya, 1940-1993 (London; James Currey, 1995.)

“Readings in Kenyan History” Library Reserve Section, Lillian K. Beam Library.

COURSE EVALUATION

Written Assignments	24%
Mid-Quarter Examination	36%
Final Examination	40%

GRADING

A	90 - 100
A-	87 - 89
B+	84 - 86
B	80 - 83
B-	77 - 79
C+	74 - 76
C	70 - 73
C-	67 - 69
D+	64 - 66
D	62 - 63
D-	60 - 61
F	0 - 59