

UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI

INSTITUTE OF ANTHROPOLOGY, GENDER AND AFRICAN STUDIES

BA. II. ANTHROPOLOGY

NAF 215: ETHNOLOGY OF AFRICAN SOCIETIES.

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Course Description

The course aims at introducing learners to various approaches to study African peoples, ethno-history of African peoples, socialization and kinship organization in Africa, traditional African educational systems and modern formal systems, economic systems: foraging, horticulture, pastoralism, agriculture and industrialization in Africa. Past and present political organization in Africa, Case studies of selected African societies. The impact of colonialism, modernization, westernization and urbanization processes on the culture of African peoples. Elements of traditional culture on the cultures of contemporary African peoples. African material culture, culture change in Africa.

Topics:

- * Definitions, scope and approaches of studying African peoples.
- Modes of production.
- Social and political organizations.
- Education and training
- The impact of the processes of westernization, modernization and urbanization on African peoples.
- Traditional cultural elements in the culture of modern African people.
- Traditional material culture and its place in the life of contemporary African people.
- Culture change in Africa

Examination:

Cats –	30%
Final Examination-	70%
Total -	100%

Reading List:

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More references to be given in the course of lectures