

**ST. LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY**  
**KENYA SEMESTER PROGRAM**  
**AFRICAN STUDIES 354/ HISTORY 354**  
**THE MAKING OF MODERN KENYA (1895 TO THE PRESENT)**  
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**OBJECTIVES**

This course analyses how the colonial history has shaped the state of modern Kenya by examining the most important themes in the history of Kenya from the colonial period to the present. The course covers the following topics: background to the colonial period; the scramble and partitioning of Africa; impact of colonialism; the rise of nationalism; the coming of independence; and developments in contemporary Kenya.

**APPROACH**

Since the course covers a long period of one hundred years, it is necessary to be selective. For this reason, lectures and topics for discussion are based on selected themes that are deemed to illustrate historical developments at particular periods of the modern history of Kenya.

**COURSE ASSESSMENT**

The course will be assessed through an essay (30%), class presentations (30%), research paper (30%) and class participation (10%).

**TOPICS COVERED WEEK BY WEEK**

**WEEK 1 AND 2**

- Background to the modern history of Kenya:
- Sources of Kenya history
- Peoples of Kenya and their cultural traditions.

**WEEK 3 AND 4**

- The colonial period:
- Imperialism
- Colonization and primary resistance
- Creation of a white man's country
- Impact of colonialism on Kenyan societies
- Emergence, growth and manifestations of nationalism
- Coming of independence.

**WEEK 5 AND 6**

- Post-independence Kenya:
- Restructuring of the colonial state

- Kenyatta and Moi eras
- The second liberation.

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