OBJECTIVES
The objective of the course is to introduce students to the history of modern Kenya. 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 assay (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
TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION
1. Why did colonialism become acceptable in the western world towards the end of the nineteenth century?
2. Discuss the reasons why Britain colonized Kenya.
3. Consider the reasons why Kenyans were unable to successfully resist the imposition of British rule.
4. In what ways did Kenyan societies react to the intrusion of the British?
5. What steps did Britain take in order to create a “White man’s country”?
6. Assess the impact of colonialism on the economies of the Kenyan societies.
7. What were the socio-political consequences of colonialism in Kenya?
9. What is the significance of Mau Mau?
10. Why did Britain grant independence to Kenya in 1963?
11. What do you consider to be Kenyatta’s legacy?
12. What were the consequences of the attempt by the Kenyan Air Force to overthrow Moi’s government in 1982?
13. Discuss the major factors that have led to the re-introduction of the multi-party politics.
14. Discuss the root causes of the political crisis that followed the 2007 general elections (ESSAY ASSIGNMENT).

LIST OF REQUIRED AND SUGGESTED READINGS
- REQUIRED READINGS
1. KENYA IN THE 19TH CENTURY
   Thomas Spear: Process of Cultural Development 8
   Thomas Spear: Trade and Society in the 19th Century 29

2. COLONIZATION OF KENYA.
   a. IMPERIALISM:
      J. R. Gray: The Partition of East Africa 41
      B. Freund: The Conquest of Mica 49
b. **AFRICAN RESPONSE:**
   S.K. Arap Ng’eny: Nandi Resistance to the Establishment of British Administration 89
   G. Muriuki: Prelude to British Rule 102

3. **IMPACT OF COLONIALISM**
   G. Muriuki: Background to Politics and Nationalism in Central Kenya 147
   C. G. Wrigley: Kenya: The Patterns of Economic Life 198
   R. D. Wolff: The Colonization of Land in Kenya 253
   R. M. A. Zwanenberg and Anne King: Urbanization 295

4. **NATIONALISM AND POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS**
   C. G. Rosberg and J Nottingham: The Beginnings of Modern Politics 335
   C. G. Rosberg and J Nottingham: The Myth of "Mau Mau" 409
   O. W. Furley: The Historiography of Mau Mau 454
   G. Bennett: The Development of Political Organizations in Kenya 76?

5. **COLONIAL LEGACY**
   A. Adu Boahen: Colonialism in Africa: Its Impact and Significance 469
   B. Berman: State, Capital and Class 509

6. **POST-INDEPENDENCE KENYA**
   G. Muriuki: Some Reflections on Cold War in Africa and After 601
   JA. Widner: From "Harambee" to Nyayo, 1980-85 621
   JD. Barkan: The Rise and Fall of a Governance Realm in Kenya 656
   G. Muigai: Ethnicity and the Renewal of Competitive Politics in Kenya 697

- **SUGGESTED READINGS**  

  1. **KENYA IN THE 19TH CENTURY**
     R. J. Gavin: Sayyid Sa’id 1

  2. **COLONIZATION OF KENYA.**
     a. **European Imperialism and Partition of East Africa:**
        R. Wolff: Britain and the New Empire, 1870-1914 64
     b. **African Response:**
        G. H. Mungeam: Masai and Kikuyu Response to the
3. IMPACT OF COLONIALISM

W. R. Ochieng: Colonial African Chiefs - Were They Primarily Self-Seeking scoundrels? 134
Marshall S. Clough: Koinange wa Mbiyu: Mediator and Patriot 163
A. T. Matson Elijah Cheruiyot Arap Chepkwony: a Great Nandi Chief 179
E. A. Brett: Kenya - Settlers Predominant 227
Richard D. Wolff: The Reorganization of African Labour 265
Richard D. Wolff: The Development of a Kenyan Wage-earning Class 276
Karim K. Janmohamed: Ethnicity and Urban Setting: A Case Study of Mombasa 308

4. NATIONALISM AND POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS

Carl G. Rosberg and John Nottingham: Violence and Reform 387
Donald L. Barnett and Karari Njama: Mau Mau from Within: An Introduction 428

5. COLONIAL LEGACY

Basil Davidson: The Black Man's Burden 484

6. POST-INDEPENDENCE KENYA

E. S. Atieno-Odhiambo: Democracy and the ideology of Order in Kenya 557
Norman Miller and Rodger Yearger Modern Politics: The Moi Era 570
K. G. Adar: Kenya-US Relations 612
J. A. Widner: Party, State, and Civil Society, 1985-90 621
P. Hetherington: Explaining the Crisis of Capitalism in Kenya 680
James Mayall Africa and the World 1960-1990 688