

**J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College**  
**Course Content Summary**

**Course Prefix and Number:** HIS 203

**Credits:** 3

**Course Title:** History of African Civilization

**Course Description:** Examines major social, economic, political, and religious developments from earliest times to the present. Prerequisite: Placement in ENG 111 or placement in Co-requisites ENG 111 and EDE 11. Lecture 3 hours per week.

**General Course Purpose:**

**Course Prerequisites and Co-requisites:**

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**Student Learning Outcomes:**

Upon completing the course, the student will be able to

- a. Examine the geography, ethnic composition, economy, religion, and culture of ancient and pre-colonial peoples of Africa;
- b. Understand the people and traditions of Africans and how they have survived economically for centuries, on primary industries like weaving, carving, cloth printing, and bead making;
- c. Understand the role of the Portuguese, Danes, Dutch, French, British and African Kings in the Trans-Atlantic slave trade; and
- d. Explain aspects of African culture, which has eluded the Western intellectual in modern times.

**Major Topic to Be Included:**

- a. The geography of Africa
- b. Early African History including civilizations of upper Nile and North Africa
- c. The Bantu expansion and consequences
- d. Sudanese Kingdoms of West Africa
- e. The Jihads in West Africa
- f. Forest Kingdoms of West Africa including Oyo, Ashanti, Benin and Dahomey
- g. Africa and the trans Saharan trade
- h. The coming of Europeans and the Trans-Atlantic Slave trade
- i. Europeans conquest and Colonialism in West Africa
- j. The Struggle for Freedom and the post-colonial African society
- k. Africa in the contemporary world

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