

## HIST 376 : History of West Africa

Surveys the history of the Sudanic and forest regions of West Africa from c.1000 BCE to independence. Primarily emphasizes internal dynamics and external factors that shaped West Africa's development. Considers the cultural and social diversity of the region, the nature of the Sudanic and forest states, the importance of long-distance trade and Islam, the effects of the Atlantic slave trade, the impact of colonialism on African life, and the struggle for independence.