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# **UNIVERSITY OF MUMBAI**



## **Revised Syllabus for the M.A.**

**Program: M.A.**

**Course: African Studies**

**Semester I to IV**

(As Per Credit Based Semester and Grading System

with effect from the academic year 2012–2013)

# Syllabus for M.A. (African Studies)

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## Structure of the Programme

### SEMESTER – I

#### Core Courses

Two Courses of African Studies

Problem of Economic Development – I  
History of Africa – I

#### Elective Courses

Ideologies and Issues in Independent Africa – I  
Africa, Indian Ocean and Maritime Studies – I

or

2 Courses from other discipline

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### SEMESTER – II

#### Core Courses

Two Courses of African Studies

Problem of Economic Development – II  
History of Africa – II

#### Elective Courses

Ideologies and Issues in Independent Africa – II  
Africa, Indian Ocean and Maritime Studies – II

or

2 Courses from other discipline

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### SEMESTER III

#### Core Courses

Two Courses of African Studies

State Formation and Nation Building in Africa – I  
Africa in the World Affairs – I

Elective Courses

Environmental and Human Geography of Africa – I  
Foreign Trade, Investment and Industrialization in Africa – I

or

2 Courses from other discipline

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**SEMESTER IV**

Core Courses

Two Courses of African Studies

State Formation and Nation Building in Africa – II  
Africa in the World Affairs – II

Elective Courses

Environmental and Human Geography of Africa – II  
Foreign Trade, Investment and Industrialization in Africa – II

or

2 Courses from other discipline

Each course is divided into 4 modules of 15 (one hour) sessions each, i.e. total of 60 sessions per course.

The examination pattern will be 40 marks internal evaluation and 60 marks end semesters evaluation per course.

**SEMESTER – I**

## Core Courses

### **Problems of African Economic Development and Management I**

**Credits: 06**

**Preamble:** This course aims to introduce students to the economy and development related problems of African countries. This course will cover the general aspect of African economic problems by tracing its history in the colonial times and the current implications. The basic course will be developed further through advanced modules to be offered in the succeeding semester.

#### **Module 1: Economy and Natural Resources**

Africa's natural resources, its position in global economy, scramble for its resources across the globe, inter and intra state conflicts in Africa over natural resources.

#### **Module 2: Contextualizing Past**

Role of Colonial Powers in making and unmaking of African economies, incorporation of Africa into metropolitan economies.

#### **Module 3: Post Independence Era**

Post-Independent national and foreign Policies followed in the economic sectors of agriculture, trade, industry and services, the implications for countries and people.

#### **Module 4: Debt Ridden Economies**

Management of foreign debt and aid, relations with international financial institutions such as International Monetary Fund and World Bank.

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## **History of Africa-I**

**Credits: 06**

**Preamble:** This Course aims to introduce students to the history of Africa from 1885 till the close of World War II. The basic course will be introduce the students to the colonial period on the continent and its impacts on the future course of history as it unfolded in the post colonial period.

**Module 1:** Colonisation of Africa, Scramble for Africa's- political and economic aspects, the Treaty of Berlin and the partition of the continent

**Module 2:** Patterns of colonial administration, Colonial policies and development- British, French, Portuguese, Belgium and German colonial policies

**Module 3** European and African settlements in eastern and southern Africa and their impact on the social and economies of the African countries

**Module 4:** First World War, colonies and international accountability, establishment of League of Nations, Mandate system, Africa during inter-war period, Rise of Fascism and Nazism, Evolution of Pan-Africanism and its impact on the anti-colonial movements on the continent

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### **Elective Courses**

**Ideologies and Issues in Independent Africa I**

**Credits: 06**

**Preamble:** This course aims to introduce students to the ideological problems and issues that African countries are facing in the post colonial era. The basic course will be developed further through advanced modules to be offered in the succeeding semester.

**Module 1: African Unity and Nationalism**

Problems of tribe and ethnicity centric nationalism, role of sub-regional and regional organizations in making Africa a single global unit, problems and prospects of projected unification

**Module 2: Continuation of Colonialism-Social Aspects**

Negritude, racialism, segregation, ghettoisation, continuation of discrimination on the basis of skin colour, discrimination-related violence

**Module 3: Continuation of Colonialism-Economic and Political**

Neo-Colonialism, lack of political and economic independence, dependency, foreign aid with strings attached

**Module 4: African Socialism**

Concept of socialism, socialism in Africa, socialism in practice in Africa, problems and obstacles

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### **Africa, Indian Ocean and Maritime Studies I**

**Credits: 06**

**Preamble:** The objective is to introduce students to Africa, Indian Ocean and Maritime Studies. This course will cover the general aspect of Africa, Indian Ocean and Maritime problems by tracing its history in the colonial times and the current implications.

**Module 1: Geopolitics, Commerce and Maritime Traditions of the Indian Ocean**

Geopolitical Significance of the Indian Ocean Region , Geopolitical Orientations, Regional and Security in the Indian Ocean, Africa and the Geopolitics of the Indian Ocean, Indian Ocean Great Power Confrontation, Maritime Skills in the Indian Ocean 1368-1500, The western Indian Ocean and the early maritime links of the Indian subcontinent

**Module 2: Issues of Imperialism and Indian Ocean trade**

The Influence of India on British Imperialism in Africa, Slavery and the Slave Trades in the Indian Ocean and Arab Worlds ,From Trade to Colonization - Historic Dynamics of the East India Companies, The Age of Imperialism, 1850-1914, From Trade to Colonization - Historic Dynamics of the East India Companies

**Module 3: Indian Communities in the Indian Ocean Region**

The Asia Pacific Region – The Indian Diaspora, The Asian Indian Community, Indian Ocean Community as an economic powerhouse

**Module 4: Great Powers in the Indian Ocean**

Great Power Confrontation in the Indian Ocean, Maritime Future of the Indian Ocean, Indian naval strategy in the twenty-first century, China and India: Two **Great Powers** Duel in the **Indian Ocean**, China's Naval Expansion in the Indian Ocean and **India-China Rivalry, Changing face of Maritime Strategy.**

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## **SEMESTER – II**

### **Core Courses**

**Problems of African Economic Development and Management II**



**Credits: 06**

**Preamble:** This course aims to introduce students to the advanced knowledge of economy and development related problems of African countries with current implications. This course will cover the specific aspects of African economic problems that have shaped the current economic scenario in Africa.

**Module 1: Post-Cold war Era**

Problems of African Economic Development in the Post-Cold War Period, New partnership for African Development.

**Module 2: Economic Governance and Management Concerns**

a) Central Bank; b) African Development Bank; c) Managing Marketing Boards; d) Foreign Exchange Management; e) Labour Management.

**Module 3: African States and Economic Development**

Trade and Multinational Corporations, regional organizations, Globalization, liberalization and Neo-liberalism.

**Module 4: Globalizing Economy**

Synergies with Asia: Contextualizing India and China, Trade and Investment Agreement with USA and the European Union.

(References for the course are same as Problems of African Economic Development and Management – I)

**History of Africa-II**

**Credits: 06**

**Preamble:** This Course aims to introduce students to the history of Africa in the post World War II period when the countries of Africa gained political independence.

**Module 1: World War II and its Impact**

- Establishment of United Nations and principle of Trusteeship
- United Nations and its contribution to the political liberation of Africa.

**Module 2:** National liberation movements in Africa in Francophone, Lusophone and Anglophone Africa

**Module 3:** Decolonisation of Africa and Transfer of power, South Africa under Apartheid regime and the post 1994

**Module 4:** India-Africa relations in the colonial period

- Trading contacts and indentured labour
- Voluntary immigration and Asian settlements
- Racial friction and its impact in the post independence phase
- Role of Asian immigrants in African national development

(References for the course are same as History of Africa –II)

**Elective Courses**

**Ideologies and Issues in Independent Africa II**

**Credits: 06**

**Preamble:** This course aims to introduce students to the economic and social issues that African states are facing owing to lack of democracy and independence.

**Module 1: African Renaissance: A Critical Assessment**

Is Africa rising?, African unification and problems, Africa as a global power, role of Africa at international platform, in international organizations such as United Nations, and international financial organizations such as International Monetary Fund

**Module 2: Neo liberalism, Democracy, Civil Society and State**

State formation in Africa, strengthening democracy, people's participation in politics and economy, role of civil society in nation building

**Module 3: Gender and Social Transformation**

Concept of gender, role of women in African society and politics, issue of women empowerment in Africa

**Module 4: Issue of Governance**

Promotion of good governance, tackling issues of corruption, authoritarianism and strengthening democracy, prompting human development in Africa

(References for the course are same as Ideologies and Issues in Independent Africa-I)

**Africa, Indian Ocean and Maritime Studies-II**

**Credits: 06**

**Preamble:** The objective is to introduce students to Africa, Indian Ocean and Maritime Studies, This course will cover the general aspect of Africa, Indian Ocean and Maritime problems by tracing its history in the colonial times and the current implications.

**Module 1: Africa and Indian Ocean Littoral States.**

India's Strategic Objectives in the Indian Ocean Region, Great Indian Ocean –A Peaceful Geo-Political Pivot, Indian Diaspora and Culture on African Littoral of the Indian Ocean, China's Island Strategy in the Indian Ocean: Breaching India's Sphere of Influence

**Module 2: Management Resource and Environment in Indian Ocean region**

Coastal and Marine Environment In the Indian Ocean Region, The impact of Climate change , The development prospect of the least developed Countries and small Island developing states, Natural **resource** base of economic and social development , Coastal environmental monitoring and assessment, **Reducing Vulnerability to Natural Hazards.**

**Module 3: Cooperation in Regime in the Indian Ocean Region**

Indian Ocean Region: Maritime Regimes for Regional Cooperation, Progressing Maritime Security Co-operation in the Indian Ocean, Fisheries Exploitation in the Indian Ocean: Threats and Opportunities, Indian Ocean Region: Maritime Regimes for Regional Cooperation

(The reference for the course are same as Africa, Indian Ocean and Maritime Studies-I)

**SEMESTER III**

**Core Courses**

## **State Formation and Nation Building in Africa I**

**Credits: 06**

**Preamble:** The course will cover the theories of state and nation building from both Western and non-Western perspectives. The basic course will be developed further through advanced modules to be offered in the succeeding semester.

### **Module 1: Concept of Nation and Tribe**

Theories of nation building, factors in African nationalism, colonial and international influences, tribal states and politics.

### **Module 2: Concept of State**

Western and indigenous concepts of nation states in Africa; emergence of Eurocentric nation state; lack of indigenous political set ups.

### **Module 3: Institutions and Structures**

Political institution, democratic structures, bureaucratic structure, economic policies, role of states and private sectors.

### **Module 4: African Unity and Cooperation**

Sub-regional organizations for state formation and nation building cooperation, role of organization of African Unity, role of African Union Organization.

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**Africa in World affairs – I**

**Credits: 06**

**Preamble:** The aim of the course is to introduce basic issues of Africa's international relations. This is the first part of the course where historical background is provided. This part builds up foundation of course, which looks into contemporary African international relations. In the course some important historical events are discussed which have impacted deeply impacted Africa. Students are expected to develop through understanding of these historical events.

### **Module 1: Africa and European Powers**

- Imperialism and colonialism
- Scramble for Africa
- Colonial Administrative policies

### **Module 2: Colonial Africa and global Situation**

- Mandate System
- Pan Africa Movements
- Definition of White Supremacy and Apartheid

### **Module 3: Africa in post-war- period**

- Trusteeship system
- Problems of de-colonisation
- Concept of Euro-Africa and neo-colonial linkages

### **Module 4: Africa in post - independence period**

- Organisation of African Unity (OAU)
- Non-align Movement (NAM)
- United Nations

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### **Elective Courses**

**Environment and Human Geography of African I**

**Credits: 06**

**Preamble:** This Course aims to introduce students to the study of natural resources and contestations around it in Africa. It also deals with the environmental issues from an anthropogenic perspective. The basic course will be developed further through advanced modules to be offered in the second semester.

**Module 1:** Physical structure and configuration (surfaces) - evolution of structure and relief – coastline, water resources and landscapes in Africa, impact of climate change on these due to manmade and natural factors

**Module 2:** Ecology - vegetation - tropical forests - soils of Africa - famine, pests and diseases

**Module 3:** Human responses to the use and misuse of environment in Africa; Demographic and social aspects - population and settlements - spatial distribution – migration in Africa

**Module 4:** The social, political and economic impacts of urbanization in Africa

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### **Foreign Trade, Investment and Industrialisation in Africa – I**

**Credits: 06**

**Preamble:** The aim of the course is to introduce students to basic issues in areas of industrialization and foreign trade. This part imparts groundings in theoretical aspects of Africa's industrialization and investments. Students are expected to thoroughly acquaint with theories related to growth, trade, and labour. This background is necessary to understand various issues dealt in the present as well as in the next semester.

**Module 1: International trade and economic growth: Theories and empirical evidence**

General Equilibrium, Dynamics of Basic Trade Model, Dynamic foundations for the factor Endowment Model of International Trade, Growth and Trade with Endogenous accumulation of Human or Public capital, Economic growth, technological Progress and International Trade.

**Module 2: Problems of adjustment mechanism and financial flows: international perspectives**

Structuralism and Individualism in Development Economies, the Balance of Payments and the Exchange Rate.

**Module 3: Issue of trade, technology, environment and labour**

Macroeconomic environment and competitiveness, Technology and competitiveness, Creation of comparative advantages, World trading environment.

**Module 4: The International trade agenda and African response: Issues and option**

The rationale for foreign trade and its organisation, Patterns of world trade, International marketing, Sale of goods in international trade, International transport, International trade and social movements.

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## **SEMESTER IV**

## Core Courses

### **State Formation and Nation Building in Africa II**

**Credits: 06**

**Preamble:** This course aims to introduce students to the problems of nation building and state formation that African states are confronting.

#### **Module 1: Nation State Problematique**

Quasi states, inter-state and intra-state ethnic conflicts, collapsed and failed states

#### **Module 2: Political Impact**

authoritarianism and consciencism, lack of good governance and democratic institutions, corruption

#### **Module 3: Economic Impact**

underdevelopment, dependency, neo-colonial linkages, lack of human resource development.

#### **Module 4: Social Impact**

Lack of education, gender inequality, violence, corruption, divided societies, rise of ethnic aspirations.

(References for the course are same as State Formation and Nation Building in Africa – I)

### **Africa in World affairs – II**

**Credits: 06**



**Preamble:** The second part of 'Africa in world Affairs' focuses on contemporary African international affairs. This semester draws from historical background taught in the first semester. The focus of the course is to introduce students to Africa's international relations with major institutions like the United Nations and with major powers like the United States and countries of Europe. It further focuses on Africa's relations with emerging nations with special focus on India.

**Module 1: Africa in 1990s**

- Globalisation and interdependence
- Regional and sub regional organisations
- African Union (AU) and African Economic Commission
- New Partnership for African Development

**Module 2: Major Powers and Africa**

- The United States
- Britain
- France

**Module 3: Emerging Economies and Africa**

- Brazil
- Russia
- China

**Module 4: India's Relation with Africa**

- Historical relations
- Political and Diplomatic linkages
- Trade and commerce with Africa
- Investments in Africa

(The references for the course are same as Africa in World affairs –I I.)

## **Environment and Human Geography of African II**

**Credits: 06**

**Preamble:** This course aims to introduce students Environmental and human geography in Africa. The method of instruction will be lectures.

**Module 1:** Partition and emergence of nation states in Africa - geographical boundaries and territorial disputes in the post independence phase and the impact of conflicts on the countries in Africa.

**Module 2:** Natural resources and economic development- the discovery of oil and mineral resources-a boon or a bane.

**Module 3:** Agricultural resources of Africa – FDI in land- the current discourses and contestations around it.

**Module 4:** Minerals, oil and water resources – Issues of regional cooperation and conflicts over the access to these resources.

(The references for the course are same as Environment and Human Geography of African – I)

**Credits: 06**

**Preamble:** . The course draws lessons in theories which were taught in the last semester. However, the course has contemporary undertone. The course is spread from the time of Independence to present time. It covers variety of topics like resources, capital movements, technology transfers etc. It utilises case study method in selective topics.

**Module 1: African International economic relations since independence**

Resources, Dependency and unequal exchange, Linkages with metropolitan economies, Oil and debt crisis.

**Module 2: Intra-African trade, aid, internal capital movements: Case Study**

Trade, Aid and development, Development strategies, Development experiences and debt crisis, Countertrade and technology transfer, Intermediate economies and relationship enterprises, Free trade and protectionalism.

**Module 3: Transnational/Multinational corporations and industrialisation**

TNCs and backward linkages in host countries, Knowledge transfer and national development, Strategies of knowledge transfer, Transnational corporations in selected industries, Organization of corporate space, Geography of corporate restructuring,

**Module 4: Issues of trade liberalisation, growth and development**

Political economy of trade policy, Trade regimes, Economic performance and structural changes, Regional disparities, Trade liberalisation and poverty, Domestic inequality, Agriculture sector.

(The references for the course are same as Foreign Trade, Investment and Industrialisation in Africa – I.)