

South African History, Culture and Language

Credit value: 3 USA Credits (6 ECTS Credits) – equivalent to 12 NMMU credits (the programme is open to students with a GPA of 2.5 and above (for students from the United States))

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Introduction

Exploring South African history, since the Eastern Cape frontier's earliest inhabitation by the Khoi and the San to the present. Gain insight into the Eastern Cape frontier as a meeting place of South African cultures and languages.

The programme will consist of exposing the student to South Africa's rich cultural and linguistic history. The dynamics of the Eastern Cape's frontier as meeting place of different cultures and languages as a microcosm of South Africa will be discussed.

Programme

The programme will explore intergroup relations on the Eastern Cape Frontier and introduce students to the cultures and languages specific to the Province of the Eastern Cape.

The programme will expose students to the Eastern Cape as the birth place of Nelson Mandela and other struggle heroes. In addition to this, students will be exposed to Nelson Mandela Bay, one of the places that played a critical role in the establishment of a democratic South Africa.

Lectures are facilitated by academics and community experts. Lectures consist of theoretical and interactive sessions. Thorough lecture preparation and active participation will ensure an optimum learning experience.

Incorporated in the programme are excursions that will immerse students into South Africa's rich cultural and environmental heritage. This will be enabled through field trips to museums, heritage sites and exposure to various communities.

Learning Outcome: On completion of this programme students will:

- Be familiar with South African history
- Have an understanding of anti-apartheid struggle and transition to democracy
- Have insight into South Africa's various cultures and languages, with specific focus on isiXhosa

Assessments

There are two assessments: portfolio and presentation. The final mark for the module will be determined as follows:

- 60% of the final mark will come from the portfolio;
- 30% of the final mark will come from the presentation;

- 10% will be awarded for attendance of lectures and participation in discussions.

- **Grading explained**

Needs improvement	Below 50%	The assignment does not meet the requirements; does not include all components and/or does not go beyond a descriptive level. No interaction with the learning subject, little or no reflection
Satisfactory	50-64%	Some evidence of critical and analytical thinking, examples, illustrations and reflection.
Good	65-74%	Substantial evidence of critical and analytical thinking; engagement with the learning subject; examples and illustrations; in depth reflection.
Excellent	75% and above	Exceeds expectations in all criteria/outcomes

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- **Comparison of grades**

NMMU grades	US grades
80-100%	A+
75-79%	A
70-74%	B+
65-69%	B
60-64%	B-
57-59%	C+
54-56%	C
51-53%	C-
50%	D
0-49%	Fail