

## **ALT 413: The Epic in Africa**

### **Unit Description**

Tracing the existence of epic literature in Africa and examining nature of the various epic poems and narratives from the continent of Africa.

### **Unit Objectives**

- ❖ Define the nature of epic in Africa
- ❖ Analyse various epic poems/narratives from East, West Central and South Africa.
- ❖ Discuss types of epic that exist in Africa.

### **References**

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