

FRANCOPHONE AFRICA IN GLOBAL CONTEXT

SENEGAL

J-TERM 2026



COURSE OPTION

FREN 211 (VW, GE) or FREN 311 (VW, GE)

PREREQUISITES

2.0 minimum GPA

CREDIT

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APPLICATION

- Apply online at studyaway.plu.edu
- Application Requirements:
 - \$50 non-refundable application fee
 - Application questions
 - 3 short-answer essays (250 words each)
 - 1 faculty recommendation
 - Following the online application process, you may be contacted by the faculty leader(s) for an interview
- April 15th: Application Deadline
- May 2nd: Decision Date

PROGRAM FEE

- Final program fee will be determined April 1, 2025. Check studyaway.plu.edu for pricing and details about inclusions and exclusions.
- * Global Scholar Award eligible (25% reduction of program fee)

COURSE OVERVIEW

Francophone Africa in Global Context offers a critical exploration of the contemporary realities facing Francophone African nations, using Senegal as a case study. Taught in English, this course critically examines the enduring influence of historical power structures, particularly the “Françafrique” system, which traces its roots to French colonization. We will examine how the legacies of colonialism continue to influence Francophone African societies, as well as the diverse methods of resisting, adapting, and asserting their agency in the 21st century.

Why study Francophone African societies and cultures in Senegal?

Dakar, Senegal, is an ideal gateway to delve into Francophone African societies, exploring their colonial past, present transformations, and future aspirations. As Senegal’s capital and largest city, Dakar embodies a vibrant Francophone African cosmopolitan culture. Its proximity to Gorée Island, once the largest slave-trading center on the African coast, underscores the city’s historical significance.

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