

Department of Africology and African American Studies

List of Fall 2024 Course Listings and their Course Descriptions

***(Gen Ed courses are marked with an asterisk.)**

*** AFC 101 Introduction to Africology and African American Studies (CRN #s 10792, 11199, 12056 & 14009 (wholly online)) (03 hrs)**

This is an introductory examination of the African American experience. It acquaints students with the trends, issues and forces that have shaped that experience; it considers the concepts of cultural adaptation, institutional development, and group self-definition; and it surveys the contemporary status and condition of African Americans.

(AFC 101 counts towards the US Diversity area of the General Education Program. It also counts towards the Major and Minor in Africology and African American Studies.)

*** AFC 102 Introduction to African Civilization (CRN 10793) (03 hrs) wholly online**

This course is designed to provide the student with an introductory knowledge of centers of African civilization from antiquity to the 1960s. Those centers include ancient Egypt, Songhai, Kilwa, and Monomotapa.

(AFC 102 counts towards the Global Awareness area of the General Education Program. It also counts towards the Major and Minor in Africology and African American Studies.)

AFC 201 Foundations of Knowledge in Africology and African American Studies (CRN 14011)(03 hrs)

This course examines the empirical and theoretical foundations of African American studies, the evolution of the field, and the role of key scholars in its development.

*** AFC 211 – Black Caribbean World (CRN 12365)(wholly online)**

This interdisciplinary course provides an overview of the Caribbean region within a global context focusing on history and cultural production.

(AFC 211 counts towards the Global Awareness area of the General Education Program. It also counts towards the Major and Minor in Africology and African American Studies.)

***AFC 232 Politics in the African American Experience [GEUS](CRN 12423) (wholly online)**

This course is designed to provide the student with knowledge of Black political behavior in the United States in its evolution from protest to contemporary institutional politics. (AFC 232 counts towards the US Diversity area of the General Education Program. It also counts towards the Major and Minor in Africology and African American Studies.)

AFC 243 Black Women: Politics & Racism (CRN 14536)(03 hrs) This course is an introduction to the study and analysis of American politics related to African American women. The course will explore the ways in which political issues affect Black women differently than African American men, White men, and White women.

*** AFC 244 - Dimensions of Racism (03 hrs)(CRN #s 11526, 11789, 11790)**

This course examines various theoretical approaches to the concepts of race, ethnicity, and diversity. This course offers the opportunity to acquire an understanding of the interrelated dynamics that diversity of people, culture, religious beliefs, and ideologies play in the creation of new nations; how they can determine political and/or economic alliances; how they can shape or reshape the global order; how they can influence systems of exclusion and produce practices of intolerance. As such, this course meets the outcomes for Gen Ed, Knowledge of the Disciplines-Social Sciences. It also counts towards the Major and Minor in Africology and African American Studies.

AFC 351 The Social Context of African American Health (03 hrs)(crn 14013)

This course examines the health status of African Americans. It explores the interplay between environment, biology, and culture; folk and popular health practices; and the organization and delivery of health care.

AFC 402L4 Internship Seminar in Africology and African American Studies (03 hrs)(crn 14026)(wholly online)(DP required)

The Internship Seminar in Africology and African American Studies is designed as a practicum in which majors and minors in Africology and African American Studies can acquire a practical experience of an African American organization or an organization that serves a diverse clientele.

AFC 445 Themes in African & African Diasporic Philosophies (03 hrs)(crn 14008)

This course will introduce students to a sampling of the major thinkers and threads in the tradition of African and African diasporic philosophies from the early twentieth century to the contemporary moment. By the end of the course, students will be able to identify and discuss some of the major fields of black philosophy both on their own terms and in relation to western philosophy. Students will rigorously engage with not only the principles of some of the major fields of black philosophy, but they will “read” various forms of black cultural production to see how these philosophies are applied and worked.

AFC 501 Foundational Issues in Africology and African American Studies (03 hrs) (CRN 14012)

This course provides an advanced examination of theoretical and conceptual issues that form the epistemological foundation of African American studies. It investigates key studies, scholars and theories in the field. Readings and discussions pay close attention to the relationship between theory and empirical research and their applications to contemporary social issues.

AFC 502 - African Philosophical Thought and Aesthetics (03 hrs)(CRN 14007)

The course examines the philosophical, mythological, and mythopoetic responses Africans made to the universe, to human relationships, and the divine that establish an inalienable link between African philosophical thought, religion, and art. Particular emphasis is placed on the study of the ethical and metaphysical foundations of ancient Egypt by exploring the concepts of Maat, goodness, and beauty as the philosophical bases of African aesthetics.

AFC 506 Advanced Studies in African Civilization (03 hrs)(crn 14001)(wholly online)

The course is designed as an in-depth and critical study of key centers of African Civilization from antiquity to the 1960s. The student will also learn about certain fundamental ancient African cultural commonalities, albeit in the midst of linguistic and other kinds of diversity. While the course critically examines a cross-section of studies about cross-cultural influences between African civilization and other civilizations, the students will also investigate the nature of lingering controversies about the authenticity of an African antiquity.

AFC 543 Civil Rights and the African American Experience (03 hrs)(crn 14010)

This course will explore the impact of race as a dominant and dynamic force that has shaped the interpretation of the Constitution and subsequent Civil Rights Acts. Students will critically examine how black communities organized for change and how the Civil Rights movement contributed to American political reform.

AFC 603 Capstone Internship Seminar in Africology & AAS (03 hrs)(crn 14749)(DP required)

The course is designed as a practicum by which students of the Applied Master of Arts in Africology and African American Studies can acquire a practical experience of either an African American organization or any organization that serves a diverse clientele. The seminar must be taken while a student is in an internship program. Involving an advanced and critical survey of major coping strategies typically deployed by racial and ethnic minority communities of the United States, the seminar is designed to help prepare the master's degree students for effective functioning in their future places of work.

AFC 690 - Developing a Master's Thesis (01 hr)(crn 14004)

This course is a faculty-supervised study that guides students through the steps of generating a thesis question or hypothesis, literature review, a methodological design, data collection, quantitative and/or qualitative, content or literary analysis, discussion and completion of a master's thesis.

AFC 691 - Developing a Master's Thesis (02 hrs)(crn 14005)

This course is a faculty-supervised study that guides students through the steps of generating a thesis question or hypothesis, literature review, a methodological design, data collection, quantitative and/or qualitative, content or literary analysis, discussion and completion of a master's thesis.

AFC 692 - Developing a Master's Thesis (03 hrs)(crn 14006)

This course serves as a research-oriented study conducted under the supervision of departmental faculty for the purpose of research for and completion of a Thesis for the Master of Arts degree in Africology and African American Studies.