

Department of Africology and African American Studies

List of Summer 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 #50288 (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 244 - Dimensions of Racism (03 hrs)(CRN # 50491)**

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 442 Afro-Environmentalism (03 hrs)(CRN 51401)(DP required)

Despite the association of African American people with the term “urban,” African diasporic people have a long and deep relationship with the earth. This course will explore the continuities and ruptures that resulted from African Americans’ troubled history with the land and their renewed commitment to it in both northern and southern environments.

AFC 506 Advanced Studies in African Civilization (03 hrs)(CRN 51002)(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 603 Capstone Internship Seminar in Africology & AAS (03 hrs)(crn 51024)(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.