Department of Africology and African American Studies

List of Fall 2015 Courses and their Descriptions
*(Gen Ed courses are marked with an asterisk.)*

* AFC 101 Introduction to African American Studies (CRNs 14151, 14152, 14153, 14154, 14155, 14557, 14558, 15827, 15828, 17313, & 17314)
  3 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 African American Studies.)

* AFC 102 Introduction to African Civilization (CRNs 14156 & 14157) (03 hrs)
  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 African American Studies.)

AFC 201 Foundations of Knowledge in African American Studies (CRN 14158)
  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 221 African American Social Movements (CRN 15498)
  This course explores the collective efforts undertaken by African Americans to elevate their group status in American society. It analyzes the struggle for human freedom through an examination of resistance to chattel slavery, the quest for civil rights and the response to structured inequality.
AFC 231 Race, Urbanization & Policy Mindset (14159)  
03 hrs  
This course examines African American urbanization, and the insight that process provides into patterns of thought, policy formulation and organizational growth among African Americans. It offers perspective on the corpus of knowledge regarding the African American experience, on the disciplinary tools furthering that inquiry and on policy choices in post-industrial society.

* AFC 232 Politics in the African American Experience (CRN 17315)  
  3 hrs  
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 243 Black Women: Politics & Racism (CRN 14160)  
3 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 272 Hip Hop Lyricism in African American Culture (3 hrs) (CRN 14161)  
This course is an examination of the cultural continuity exemplified by the socially conscious hip hop lyricism to the African American poetic and musical forms that preceded it. The course involves studying the genre's cultural context and learning to interpret its culturally and socially conscious texts. Like its predecessors, hip hop has become an important idea-bearing part of youth culture world-wide and thus is needed. Prerequisite: None

AFC 311 The African Diaspora 3 hrs (CRN 15826)  
Examines the African diaspora — the dispersion of persons of African descent throughout the world. It studies the process of dispersion, examines select diasporic communities and considers the impact of the African presence on world development.
AFC 312 African Civilization 3 hrs (CRN 14162)

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

* AFC 313 Online Contemporary Africa: The Struggle and Prospects (CRNs 15829) 3 hrs

This course serves as a survey of Africa’s contemporary political economy. In examining postcolonial developments, the course focuses on regional and national strategies for social transformation.

(AFC 313 counts towards the Global Awareness area of the General Education Program. It also counts towards the Major and Minor in African American Studies.)

AFC 361 The African American Family (CRN 14163) 3 hrs

Examines the historical and contemporary forces shaping the African American family. Analyzes urbanization, economic transformations, and institutionalized racism. Studies the role of the family in human survival and progress.

AFC 501 Foundational Issues in African American Studies (14164) 3hrs

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 505 The African Political Economy (CRN 15830) 03 hrs

This course serves as an advanced and critical survey of Africa's contemporary political economy. In examining post-colonial developments, the course focuses on regional and national strategies for social transformation.

AFC 543 Civil Rights & African Americans (CRN 14165) 3 hrs

This course explores 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.