

[Department of Africology and African American Studies](#)

List of Fall 2020 Graduate Courses and their Descriptions

AFC 501 Foundational Issues in Africology and African American Studies (03 hrs) (CRN 11920)

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 14550)

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 503 - Public Policy and African Americans (03 hrs)(15677)

This course examines the implications of major and evolving national public policies and policy alternatives for economically vulnerable and/or historically disadvantaged segments of the population, particularly African Americans. Such policies include those related to social welfare, education, campus climate, employment, mass communication, housing, affirmative action and drug and crime control.

AFC 504 - Politics in the African American Experience (03 hrs)(crn 14555)(wholly online)

This course is designed to provide the student with an advanced and critical knowledge of black political behavior in the United States in its evolution from protest to contemporary, institutional politics.

AFC 506 - Advanced Studies in African Civilization (03 hrs)(CRN 14412)(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 507 The African Political Economy (03 hrs)(CRN 14554)(wholly online)

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 544 - African Caribbean Worldviews (03 hrs)(crn 14913)

The course provides a foundational introduction to theory, history, film, and literature from the region that is thought of as the Caribbean. Through a study of the theory that emerges from the region as well as its cultural production, students will come away from the course with an understanding of some of the major issues facing the Caribbean region historically and contemporarily.

AFC 603 - Capstone Internship Seminar in Africology & AAS (03 hrs)(wholly online)(crn 144414)

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)(crns 14551 & 14914)

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)(crns 14552 & 14915)

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 14553)

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.