

Department of Africology and African American Studies

List of Fall 2020 Undergraduate Courses and their Descriptions

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

*** AFC 101 Introduction to Africology and African American Studies (CRN #s 11915, 12033, 12661 (wholly online), 14399, & 14549)**

(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 (CRNs 11916 & 11917) (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 Africology and African American Studies.)

AFC 201 Foundations of Knowledge in Africology and African American Studies (CRN 11918)(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 15290)(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 231 Race, Urbanization & Policy Mindset (CRN 15676)(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 243 Black Women: Politics & Racism (CRN 14302)(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 13257, 13382, 13822, & 13823)**

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. (This course meets the outcomes for two areas of Gen Ed: Knowledge of the Disciplines (SS) & Global Awareness. It also counts towards the Major and Minor in Africology and African American Studies).

AFC 279 Black Masculinity 3 hrs (CRN 15680)

Black masculinity is a term that most people assume they know the meaning of. The fact is that most of what we “know” about the expression is based on toxic societal norms and stereotypes. This course seeks to critically examine the term and rethink its meaning in the face of social justice movements like Black Lives Matter, hip hop cultures, “the rise of the feminine,” the imperative to “keep it real,” and challenges to heteronormative behaviors and labels.

AFC 312 African Civilization 3 hrs (CRN 11919) (wholly online)

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 (CRN 12662)(wholly online)**

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 Africology and African American Studies.)

***AFC 351 - The Social Context of African American Health (03 hrs)(crn 16765)**

This course examines the health status of African Americans. Explores the interplay between environment, biology, and culture; folk and popular health practices; and the organization and delivery of health care. (This course meets the outcomes for Gen Ed's Knowledge of the Disciplines (SS). It also counts towards the Major and Minor in Africology and African American Studies).

AFC 363 - Race and the Zombie (CRN 15678)

This course explores the figure of the zombie that originates in Haiti but made its way into the American imagination in the 1930s and continues to resonate in the American imagination contemporarily, commenting and reflecting on the global north's relationship with the global south.

***AFC 402L4 Internship Seminar in Africology and African American Studies (03 hrs)(CRN 12663)(wholly online)**

AFC 402 African American Studies Internship Seminar (03 hrs) is designed as an online practicum during which majors and minors in African American Studies can acquire a practical experience of an African American organization or any organization that serves a diverse clientele. Through placement in an approved organization, a major or minor is expected to accomplish two main goals: (1) achieve a hands-on understanding of the internal and external dynamics faced by the organization, and (2) apply his/her theoretical knowledge of African American Studies to duties and services performed as part of the internship. (Note that AFC 402L4 also serves as an option for satisfying General Education's Learning Beyond the Classroom requirement through Group 4, LB4=Career and Professional Development. It also counts towards the Major in Africology and African American Studies).

AFC 441 - Law in the African American Experience (03 hrs)(crn 16788)

This course examines the African American legal experience from the Atlantic slave trade to the present. It reviews the formation of the Constitution, the law of slavery, Reconstruction-era developments, Jim Crow segregation and recent legal trends in areas such as education, voting and employment. And, it emphasizes law as a social process.

AFC 445 Themes in African & African Diasporic Philosophies (03 hrs)(crn 14975)

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