

# List of Fall 2021 Course Sections and their Descriptions

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

## Department of Africology and African American Studies

### **\* AFC 101 Introduction to Africology and African American Studies (CRN #s 11049, 11125, 12915 (wholly online), & 13000)**

(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 11050) (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 11052)**(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 231 Race, Urbanization & Policy Mindset (CRN 14005)**(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 (03 hrs) (crn 14006)(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. (This Gen Ed course counts towards US Diversity. It also counts towards the Major and Minor in AAAS, as well as the African Studies Certificate.).

**\* AFC 244 - Dimensions of Racism (03 hrs)(CRN #s 12036, 12151, 12469 & 14007)**

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 Gen Ed areas, Global Awareness & Knowledge of the Disciplines (SS). It also counts towards the Major and Minor in Africology and African American Studies. It also counts towards the Major and Minor in Africology and African American Studies).

**\* AFC 313 Online Contemporary Africa: The Struggle and Prospects (CRN 11610)(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 402L4 Internship Seminar in Africology and African American Studies (03 hrs)(CRN 11611)(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 14011)**

This course examines the African American legal experience from the Atlantic slave trade to the present. 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. Emphasizes law as a social process.

**AFC 445 Themes in African & African Diasporic Philosophies (03 hrs)(crn 14012)**

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 11054)**

This course provides an advanced examination of theoretical and conceptual issues that form the epistemological foundation of Africology and 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 13001)**

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 507 - The African Political Economy (3 hrs)(crn 14013)(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 603 - Capstone Internship Seminar in Africology & AAS (03 hrs)(crn 14015)(wholly online)**

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 14016)**

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 14017)**

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 14018)**

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.