

Fall 2022 AFC Course Sections and their Descriptions

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***AFC 101 Introduction to Africology and African American Studies (03 hrs)(CRNs 11042, 11601 & 12908)**

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.

(Gen Ed, US Diversity)

***AFC 102 Introduction to African Civilization (03 hrs) (CRN 11043)(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. (Gen Ed, Global Awareness)

AFC 201 Foundations of Knowledge in Africology and African American Studies (03 hrs)(crn 11045)

This course examines the empirical and theoretical foundations of Africology and African American studies, the evolution of the field and the role of key scholars in its development.

***AFC 211 - Caribbean Cultural Production in Context [GEGA] (03 hrs)(CRN 13671)(Wholly Online)**

This interdisciplinary course provides an overview of the Caribbean region within a global context focusing on history and cultural production. (Gen Ed, Global Awareness)

*** AFC 232 Politics in the African American Experience (CRN 13871) Wholly Online) (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. (Gen Ed, US Diversity)

***AFC 244 Dimensions of Racism (03 hrs) (CRNs 12045, 12469 & 12470)** 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. (Gen Ed, Knowledge of the Disciplines, SS & Global Awareness)

***AFC 402L4 African American Studies Internship Seminar (03 hrs))(CRN 11603)(Wholly Online)**

The Internship Seminar in Africology and African American Studies is designed as a practicum in which majors and minors in Africology and African American Studies can acquire a practical experience of an African American organization or an organization that serves a diverse clientele. (Apart from being required of AAS majors, 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).

AFC 445 Themes in African and African Diasporic Philosophies (03 hrs)(CRN 13875)

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 11047)

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 12994)

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 504 - Politics in the African American Experience (03 hrs)(crn 15273)(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 603 - Capstone Internship Seminar in Africology & AAS (03 hrs)(CRN 13872)(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.

Prerequisite(s) [AFC 501](#), [AFC 601](#), and [AFC 602](#) *Department Permission is required*

AFC 690 - Developing a Master's Thesis (01 hr)(CRN 13879)

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. *Department Permission is required*

AFC 691 - Developing a Master's Thesis (02 hrs)(CRN 13880)

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. *Department Permission is required*

AFC 692 - Developing a Master's Thesis (03 hrs)(CRN 13881)

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. *Department Permission is required*