

Department of Africology and African American Studies

List of Fall 2023 Course Listings and their Course Descriptions

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

*** AFC 101 Introduction to Africology and African American Studies (CRN #s 10796, 12051, 11193 (wholly online))** (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 13720) (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 14183) (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 12360) (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 232 Politics in the African American Experience [GEUS](CRN 13721) (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. (AFC 232 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 243 Black Women: Politics & Racism (CRN 14213)(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 11521, 11784, 11785)**

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. As such, this course meets the outcomes for Gen Ed, Knowledge of the Disciplines-Social Sciences. It also counts towards the Major and Minor in Africology and African American Studies.

*** AFC 313 Online Contemporary Africa: The Struggle and Prospects (CRN 13975)(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 445 Themes in African & African Diasporic Philosophies (03 hrs)(crn 13729)

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 14184)

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 13725)

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 540 Contemporary African Womanhood (03 hrs)(crn 13723)

The course explores the myriad variations in African women's experience as well as their theoretical underpinnings through their portrayals in autobiography, fictional literature, film and social media. Students will consider the political, racial, social and economic contexts in which African women self-depict and are represented through the lens of their located lives in Africa and in the diaspora both in the present and in an imagined time. Through intensive writing workshops toward the course's end, students will have the opportunity to produce a potentially publishable research paper.

AFC 542 Race and Crime and the African American Experience (03 hrs)(crn 13722)

This course will provide a comparative analysis of the experience of African Americans and other groups with the criminal justice system in the United States. Students will critically examine historical patterns, theories of race and crime and the effects of race and class on social attitudes and criminal justice practices.

AFC 690 - Developing a Master's Thesis (01 hr)(crn 13716)

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 13717)

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 13715)

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.