

Department of Africology and African American Studies

List of Fall 2025 and Summer 2025 Course Listings and Descriptions

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

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AFC 101 Introduction to Africology and African American Studies (CRN 10575, 11543, 10875 (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 12412) (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 232 Politics in the African American Experience [GEUSI(CRN 12413) (Hybrid-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 244 - Dimensions of Racism (03 | CRN #s 11137

(Honors), 11336 (Hybrid-online), 13528 (Hybrid-online))

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 499/AFC 313: Contemporary Africa: the Struggle & Prospects for Development (03 hrs)(crn 16133)(Email vokafor@emich.edu for DP permission required)(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 351 The Social Context of African American Health (03

crn 13710	wholly online)
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This course examines the health status of African Americans. It explores the interplay between environment, biology, and culture; folk and popular health practices; and the organization and delivery of health care.

AFC 599/AFC 504: Politics in the African American Experience (03 hrs)(crn 16132)(email vokafor@emich.edu for DP permission required)(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 690 - Developing a Master's Thesis (01 hr)(crn 12410) 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 13526) 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 13527) 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.

List of AAAS Summer 2025 Course Listings and their Course Descriptions

AFC 101 Introduction to Africology and African American Studies (CRN # 50057 (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 selfdefinition; 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 506 Advanced Studies in African Civilization (03 hrs)(Crn 52220)(Wholly Online)(Email vokafor@emich.edu for DP permission).

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.