

Winter 2020 Graduate Africology and African American Studies Courses and their Descriptions

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AFC 504 - Politics in the African American Experience (03 hrs)(26619)(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 506 - Advanced Studies in African Civilization (03 hrs)(CRN 24760)(wholly online)

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.

AFC 540 - Contemporary African Womanhood (03 hrs)(CRN 26685) (wholly online)

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.

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AFC 541 Law, Race and Community (03 hrs)(CRN 22135)

This course examines the legal history of African Americans and the related search for a concept of community within the United States. The course ranges from European movement into the Western Hemisphere in the 1400s to the challenges of race and structural inequalities of the 21st century.

AFC 601 - Theory and Analytical Methods in Africology (03 hrs)(CRN 24623)(wholly online)

This course examines the historical and intellectual roots of Afrocentricity as well as the most prominent paradigms in the discipline; it encourages the applicability of the theory through its cognitive, structural, and functional dimensions; fosters a critical thinking methodology to sharpen students' skills as critics, theoreticians, and researchers to examine the agency of African people and/or interpret the African world experience transnationally and trans-generationally.

AFC 602 Researching Black Communities (03 hrs)(CRN 22099)

Through the application of qualitative and ethnographic techniques, students will study groups, institutions and other social phenomena that affect African American communities and culture. Social research will be linked to intellectual and theoretical traditions in the field of African American studies.

AFC 603 - Capstone Internship Seminar in Africology & AAS (03 hrs)(CRN 24627)(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 24620)

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 24621)

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 24622)

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*