

Winter 2020 Undergraduate Africology and African American Studies Courses and their Descriptions
***(Gen Ed sections are marked with an asterisk.)**

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***AFC 101 Introduction to Africology and African American Studies (03 hrs)**
(CRNs 22068, 22070, 22072, 22073, & 23087)

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 22075)**

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 211 - Caribbean Cultural Production in Context [GEGA] (03 hrs)(CRN 25941)(Wholly Online)**

This interdisciplinary course provides an overview of the Caribbean region within a global context focusing on history and cultural production. This course meets the [Perspectives on a Diverse World - Global Awareness](#) requirement of the General Education Program by providing an overview of the Caribbean region within a global context focusing on its history, contemporary reality, and cultural production. Through lectures, readings, writings, and discussions, students will gain insight into the Caribbean regions' complex history, appreciate its cultural production and begin to recognize the role that the Caribbean plays in larger global systems. Students will come away from the course more aware of the important role that the Caribbean region has played in the world historically. Topics to be addressed are: the history of the indigenous populations as well as the forced importation of African peoples and their

experience. Students will also explore contemporary issues of neoliberalism and ecological pressures in relation to inhabitants' spiritual practices as well as their musical, literary, and visual production. The course is not meant to cover every Caribbean island in one semester, which means that the course can be kept fresh and dynamic in its ability to include different countries each semester depending on what new publications come out about the region, what artists emerge, what socio-political and economic issues the professor wants to focus on, different forms of art are to be emphasized, etc. (Gen Ed, Global Awareness)

*** AFC 232 Politics in the African American Experience (CRN 26098)**

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 23716, 23855 & 23911)**

The course (1) examines various theoretical approaches to the concepts of race, ethnicity, and diversity; (2) discusses the economic, ideological, and political foundations of social stratification based on systems of power, oppression and prejudice from the perspective of the African American experience; (3) explains the relationship between the African American experience, African American scholarship and Pan-African paradigms; (4) addresses issues of racial diversity, and common and particular implications of living in a multiracial, pluralistic, and diverse social environment; (5) critically explores the historical foundations and the impact of racist ideologies and practices in the creation of the American nation and in world conflicts and alliances; and (6) explains how the African American experience has become a disciplinary paradigm to study and understand multiracial, multiethnic, and multicultural factors towards a politics of tolerance and to a diverse, pluralistic, equal, and democratic society. (Gen Ed, Knowledge of the Disciplines, SS & Global Awareness)

AFC 301 Research Methods in Africology & African American Studies (03 hrs)(CRN 22079)

This course provides intensive exposure to research methods in African American studies and offers an opportunity for primary research in the field.

*** AFC 302W Writing for Africology & African American Studies (CRN 22078)**

3 hrs

This course will help students produce research papers, construct analytical reviews, and perform documentary research needed to better explore the literature, culture, and institutional and social processes that define the field of African American Studies. Prereq: ENGL121 (Gen Ed, Writing Intensive)

AFC 312 African Civilization (3 hrs) (CRN 22076)(Wholly Online)

This course is designed to provide the student with an interdisciplinary knowledge of centers of African civilization from antiquity to the 1960s. Those centers include ancient Egypt, Songhai, Kilwa and Monomotapa.

***AFC 313 Contemporary Africa: The Struggle and Prospects (03 hrs)(CRN 23645)(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. (Gen Ed, Global Awareness)

***AFC 351 Social Context of African American Health (3 hrs) (CRN 23088)**

AFC 351 examines the health status of African Americans. Explores the interplay between environment, biology and culture; folk and popular health practices; and the organization and delivery of health care. AFC 351 is a social science option for satisfying EMU's General Education Knowledge of the Disciplines requirement. Prerequisite: None (Gen Ed, Knowledge of the Disciplines, SS)

AFC 362 Black Women: Politics & Sexism (03 hrs)(CRN 22077)

This is an introduction to the study of the African American religion in America and the role of Black women in religion. Particular attention will be paid to how African American religion has limited Black women and how they have dealt with the restrictions placed upon them. Additionally, the course will examine the historical evolution of the various major Black denominations in America and their political and social roles in African American Communities.

***AFC 402L4 African American Studies Internship Seminar (03 hrs)**
)(CRN 23089)(Wholly Online)

AFC 402L4 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. (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 441 Law in the Afri Amer Experience (03 hrs)(CRN 22069)

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