

Winter 2021 Graduate Africology and African American Studies Courses and their Descriptions

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AFC 503 - Public Policy and African Americans (03 hrs)(crn 24197)(hybrid)

This course examines the implications of major and evolving national public policies and policy alternatives for economically vulnerable and/or historically disadvantaged segments of the population, particularly African Americans. Such policies include those related to social welfare, education, campus climate, employment, mass communication, housing, affirmative action and drug and crime control.

AFC 506 - Advanced Studies in African Civilization (03 hrs)(CRN 24198)(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 542 - Race and Crime and the African American Experience (03 hrs)(crn 24199) (hybrid)

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 601 - Theory and Analytical Methods in Africology (03 hrs)(CRN 22448) (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 20948) (hybrid)

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 22450)(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 24201)

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 224202)

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 224203)

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*