

Winter 2022 AFC Course Sections and their Descriptions

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***AFC 101 Introduction to Africology and African American Studies (03 hrs)(CRNs 20900, 20903, & 21531)**

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 20905)(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. (Gen Ed, Global Awareness)

***AFC 211 - Caribbean Cultural Production in Context [GEGA] (03 hrs)(CRN 22937)(Wholly Online)**

This interdisciplinary course provides an overview of the Caribbean region within a global context focusing on history and cultural production.

(Gen Ed, Global Awareness)

*** AFC 232 Politics in the African American Experience (CRN 24900) Wholly Online)**

(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 21927, 22022 & 22058)**

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. (Gen Ed, Knowledge of the Disciplines, SS & Global Awareness)

AFC 301 Research Methods in Africology & African American Studies (03 hrs)(CRN 20909)

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 20908)** (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 313 Contemporary Africa: The Struggle and Prospects (03 hrs)(CRN 21532)(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 402L4 African American Studies Internship Seminar (03 hrs)(CRN 21533)(Wholly Online)**

The Internship Seminar in Africology and African American Studies is designed as a practicum in which majors and minors in Africology and African American Studies can acquire a practical experience of an African American organization or an organization that serves a diverse clientele. (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 504 - Politics in the African American Experience (03 hrs)(22388)(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 542 - Race and Crime and the African American Experience (03 hrs)(crn 24904)

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 22389)(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 20924)

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 22391)(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 24906)

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 24907)

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 24908)

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*