

AAAS Winter, 2023 Course Listings

Dear student:

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Below is a list of available sections of AAAS winter, 2023 course listings. **(Please, share this information with your friends and associates who may need it).** Among them are general education courses, such as AFC 101 (US Diversity), AFC 211 (Global Awareness), AFC 244 (US Diversity or Global Awareness), AFC 302WI (Writing Intensive), and AFC 313 (Global Awareness), and AFC 351 (Knowledge of Disciplines, Soc Sci).

The General Education courses are marked with an asterisk. Like other undergraduate courses that we've scheduled for Winter, 2023, the preceding Gen Ed sections also count towards our Major and Minor in Africology and African American Studies. A set of graduate courses is included in the AAAS winter 2023 course listings below.

Thus, AAAS courses can serve students' learning and graduation needs in a variety of ways:

- To meet their general education requirements,
- Where applicable, to meet the needs of their Major & Minor in Africology and African American Studies,
- Where applicable, to meet the course requirements for the Master of Arts in Africology and African American Studies, and/or
- To meet the open electives requirements of their undergraduate and graduate degree programs.

If you have questions about these AFC courses, don't hesitate to contact me. My email address and contact telephone number are as follows: vokafor@emich.edu and (734) 487-3460.

Sincerely,

Victor Oguejiofor Okafor, Ph.D. Professor
& Head

AAAS Winter 2023 Courses and their Descriptions
Department of Africology and African American Studies

***Afc 101 Introduction to Africology and African American Studies (CRNs 20624,20625, 23429 & 21035 (wholly online))**

3 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 211 Black Caribbean World [GEGA] (crn 21960)(wholly online)**

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

AFC 221 Black Liberation Struggles (CRN 22938) 3hrs

This course will explore Africa and its diaspora from the perspective of revolutions, addressing and assessing physical armed struggle as well as spiritual and ideological struggles. We will be reading a number of texts from different parts of the globe in order to seek out and identify commonalities of purpose and method as well as investigate how black struggles for freedom have been realized both historically and contemporarily. Students will come away from the course with a sense of some of the challenges to freedom that African and African diasporic people have faced over the centuries and their responses—quite proactive and innovative in many ways—to those challenges.

***AFC 244 Dimensions of Racism [GEGA or GEKS](crn 21324, 21411, 22939 & 23430)**

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.

AFC 301 Research Methods in Africology & African American Studies (03 hrs)(crn 23426)

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

***Afc 302W Writing for African American Studies (CRN 23426)**

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

***Afc 313 Contemporary Africa: The Struggle and Prospects (CRN 21036)**

3 hrs

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 Social Context of African American Health (3 hrs)(crm 23424)**

This course 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. AAS 351 is a social science option for satisfying EMU's General Education Knowledge of the Disciplines requirement. Prerequisite: None

AFC 402L4 Internship Seminar in Africology and African American Studies [GELB](crn 21037)(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.

AFC 506 - Advanced Studies in African Civilization (03 hrs)(CRN 23423)(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 507 - The African Political Economy (03 hrs)(CRN 23422)(wholly online)

This course serves as an advanced and critical survey of Africa's contemporary political economy. In examining post-colonial developments, the course focuses on regional and national strategies for social transformation.

AFC 601 - Theory and Analytical Methods in Africology (03 hrs)(CRN 21630)(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 23427)

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 23421)(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 23478)

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 23479)

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 23480)

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*