

## **Department of Africology and African American Studies**

### **List of Fall 2018 Graduate Courses and their Descriptions**

#### **AFC 501 Foundational Issues in Africology and African American Studies (03 hrs) (CRN 12641)**

3hrs

This course provides an advanced examination of theoretical and conceptual issues that form the epistemological foundation of African American studies. It investigates key studies, scholars and theories in the field. Readings and discussions pay close attention to the relationship between theory and empirical research and their applications to contemporary social issues.

#### **AFC 502 - African Philosophical Thought and Aesthetics (03 hrs)(CRN 17414)**

The course examines the philosophical, mythological, and mythopoetic responses Africans made to the universe, to human relationships, and the divine that establish an inalienable link between African philosophical thought, religion, and art. Particular emphasis is placed on the study of the ethical and metaphysical foundations of ancient Egypt by exploring the concepts of Maat, goodness, and beauty as the philosophical bases of African aesthetics.

#### **AFC 505 The African Political Economy (03 hrs)(CRN 13807) (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 506 - Advanced Studies in African Civilization (03 hrs)(CRN 17385)(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 543 Civil Rights & African Americans (03 hrs)(CRN 12642)**

3 hrs

This course explores the impact of race as a dominant and dynamic force that has shaped the interpretation of the constitution and subsequent Civil Rights Acts. Students will critically examine how black communities organized for change and how the Civil Rights movement contributed to American political reform.