

Department of Africology and African American Studies

List of Summer 2019 Courses and their Descriptions

***(Gen Ed courses are marked with an asterisk.)**

*** AFC 101 Introduction to Africology and African American Studies (03 hrs) (CRN #52547, MWs, 1pm to 3:40pm)**

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 101 counts towards the US Diversity area of the General Education Program. It also counts towards the Major and Minor in Africology and African American Studies.)

*** AFC 101 Introduction to Africology and African American Studies (03 hrs) (CRN #51912) (wholly online)**

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 101 counts towards the US Diversity area of the General Education Program. It also counts towards the Major and Minor in Africology and African American Studies.)

*** AFC 101 Introduction to Africology and African American Studies (03 hrs) (CRN #52751) (wholly online)**

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 101 counts towards the US Diversity area of the General Education Program. It also counts towards the Major and Minor in Africology and African American Studies.)

*** AFC 244 - Dimensions of Racism (03 hrs)(CRN # 51911, TRs, 1pm to 3:40pm)**

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.

Using the Afrocentric paradigm, a privileged critical theoretical framework and methodology to address relations of power and privilege, domination and oppression, concepts of superior and inferior civilizations, cultures, and societies that are difficult to deconstruct within traditional western perspectives, Dimensions of Racism prepares students to examine various theoretical approaches to the concepts of race, ethnicity, and diversity. The goal is to help students understand their culture and cultural practices and the interrelated dynamics that the diversity of peoples, cultures, and religious beliefs on the one hand; and ideological and political foundations of social stratification based on systems of power, oppression, and prejudice, on the other, 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. **As such, in discussing these issues both at a national, international, and global level, this course meets the outcomes for Gen Ed, Global Awareness. It also counts towards the Major and Minor in Africology and African American Studies.**

Students will develop knowledge of ethnographic methods and techniques in social scientific research and Africology & African American Studies. In addition students learn how to develop research questions that reflect an understanding of the discipline in which they are asked; how to conduct cross-cultural analysis of data; and understand how knowledge is developed and disseminated from the perspective of the ontology and epistemology of race and the impact of its regulatory powers within society at national and international level. Students learn how to use social science methods of describing, exploring, explaining, and comparing to engage in the systematic study and understanding of societies and cultures and relations of power that govern and shape them. This course explores a broad range of topics and methods in the Social Sciences approach under the discipline of Africology both at national, international, and global level. **As such, this course meets the outcomes for Gen Ed, Knowledge of the Disciplines-Social Sciences. It also counts towards the Major and Minor in Africology and African American Studies.**

*** AFC 313 Online Contemporary Africa: The Struggle and Prospects(03 hrs)(CRN #51913)(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.

(AFC 313 counts towards the Global Awareness area of the General Education Program. It also counts towards the Major and Minor in Africology and African American Studies.)

***AFC 402L4 Internship Seminar in Africology and African American Studies (03 hrs)(CRN #51140)(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. (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. It also counts towards the Major in Africology and African American Studies.)

AFC 504 - Politics in the African American Experience (03 hrs)(crn 52607)

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 690 - Developing a Master's Thesis (01 hr)(52804)

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.

AFC 691 - Developing a Master's Thesis (02 hrs)(crn 52805)

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.

AFC 692 - Developing a Master's Thesis (03 hrs)(crn 52784)

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.