

APPENDIX A  
COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

## **Africology**

**Africol 700 Empirical Theory and Methods I. 3 cr, G.** Advanced study of the construction and testing of empirical theory. Ethnographic, interviewing, statistical and regression analysis, modeling techniques, as well as research design for field work will be discussed. Prereq: grad st; and an appropriate upper level mathematics or statistics course.

**Africol 701 Empirical Theory and Methods II. 3 cr, G.** A systematic study of the applicability of particular empirical theories, and qualitative/quantitative methods, to a range of substantive problems and issues pertaining to peoples of African descent. Prereq: grad st; Africol 700 or cons instr.

**Africol 705 Normative Theory and Principles of Social Organization I. 3 cr, G.** A close scrutiny of the conceptual and value foundations of normative theory in relation to forms of social organization. Prereq: grad st.

**Africol 706 Normative Theory and Principles of Social Organization II. 3 cr, G.** Advanced study of elements of normative theory such as justice, equality, freedom, and obligation in societal construction and reconstruction in Africa and the Diaspora. Prereq: grad st; Africol 705 or cons instr.

**Africol 708 Critical Literary Theory in the History of Ideas I. 3 cr, G.** A systematic study of critical literary theory in relation to major themes and movements in the history of ideas. Prereq: grad st.

**Africol 709 Critical Literary Theory in the History of Ideas II. 3 cr, G.** Intensive examination of cardinal elements in critical literary theory in the context of ideas and behaviors that have shaped the lives of Africans and their descent historically. Prereq: grad st; Africol 708 or cons instr.

**Africol 712 Political Economy: Conceptual. 3 cr, G.** Advanced analysis of varieties of conceptual frameworks in the literature on political economy. Prereq: grad st.

**Africol 714 Political Economy: Empirical. 3 cr, G.** A systematic study of key elements in the political economies of selected countries. Prereq: grad st.

**Africol 715 International Capital, Trade, and Economic Stability. 3 cr, G.** Intensive examination of the relation between international capital, trade, and economic stability in societies of Africa and the Diaspora. Prereq: grad st.

**Africol 716 Capitalism, Development, and Underdevelopment in Africa. 3 cr, G.** Advanced study of concepts and theories of capitalism, development, and underdevelopment in the context of the African continent. Prereq: grad st.

**Africol 717 The Political Economy of the Urban Underclass. 3 cr, G.** A close scrutiny of the normative and empirical relations between economics and politics in relation to the urban underclass in the United States. Prereq: grad st.

**Africol 718 Government and Politics in Latin America and the Caribbean. 3 cr, G.** Advanced study of politics and the behavior of governments in Latin America and the Caribbean. Prereq: grad st.

**Africol 726 Science, Ethics, and Opportunity. 3 cr, G.** A scrutiny of the relation between science, ethics, and forms of societal opportunity. Prereq: grad st.

**Africol 727 Preindustrial Societies in the Information Age. 3 cr, G.** Intensive examination of the effects and costs of scientific and technological lags in black societies that remain preindustrial in the Information Age. Prereq: grad st.

**Africol 729 African Cultures and Western Technologies. 3 cr, G.** A systematic study of the economic, political, and social consequences of transplanting Western technologies on African cultures. Prereq: grad st.

**Africol 733 Human Capital, Technology, and Wealth. 3 cr, G.** Advanced analysis of the human capital of blacks, technology and capital formation, and the creation of wealth in predominantly black societies. Prereq: grad st.

**Africol 735 Memory and Tradition. 3 cr, G.** A critical scrutiny of the concepts of memory and tradition in African historiography, and their role in structuring patterns of individual and societal behavior. Prereq: grad st.

**Africol 736 Comparative Social Institutions. 3 cr, G.** A comparative analysis of social institutions and institutional factors that interact to shape the life chances of Africans and their descent. Prereq: grad st.

**Africol 740 Healing Traditions in the African Diaspora. 3 cr, G.** Advanced study of healing traditions, practices, and rituals throughout the African Diaspora. Prereq: grad st.

**Africol 745 Psychology of Oppression. 3 cr, G.** Intensive examination of the psychological processes involved in creating and sustaining oppressive societies, with a particular emphasis on the role of racism. Prereq: grad st.

**Africol 750 Literature in American and African Societies: (Subtitle). 3 cr, G.** Advanced study and analysis of major African writers and/or themes or of a body of work which represents a particular viewpoint. May be retaken with change in topic to a max of 6 cr. Prereq: grad st; cons instr.

**Africol 751 African-American Literary Theory and Criticism: (Subtitle).** 3 cr, G. An intensive study of historical and contemporary trends in African-American literary criticism and theory. May be retaken with change in topic to a max of 6 cr. Prereq: grad st.

**Africol 752 Folklore in the African World: (Subtitle).** 3 cr, G. A close scrutiny of a particular forms of folk literature of people of African descent. May be retaken with change in topic to a max of 6 cr. Prereq: grad st.

**Africol 755 Theories of Urban and Rural Development.** 3 cr, G. A critical scrutiny of varieties of theoretical perspectives pertaining to the study of urban and rural development in Africa and the Americas. Prereq: grad st.

**Africol 756 Formal and Informal Markets in Africa and the Diaspora.** 3 cr, G. A critical examination of the dynamics and complementary roles of formal and informal markets. Prereq: grad st.

**Africol 758 Black Urban and Rural Migration.** 3 cr, G. Advanced study of the causes, consequences, and characteristics of black urban and rural, as well as international migration. Prereq: grad st.

**Africol 760 Black Youth, Urbanization, and Change.** 3 cr, G. Intensive examination of current trends in areas such as education, employment and law, and how they affect the life chances of black urban youth. Prereq: grad st.

**Africol 762 Child Development in Urban and Rural Areas.** 3 cr, G. A close scrutiny of the developmental processes facing African-American children, including identity development and racial socialization. Prereq: grad st.

**Africol 770 Community Resources, Political Participation, and Local Empowerment.** 3 cr, G. Advanced study of the mobilization of community resources, political participation, local empowerment, and change in urban and rural settings. Prereq: grad st.

**Africol 812 Seminar in Global Black Wealth and Poverty: (Subtitle).** 3 cr, G. Research on the forces and processes that shape black wealth and poverty in selected regions and countries of the planet. May be retaken with change in topic to a max of 6 cr. Prereq: grad st.

**Africol 814 Seminar in African-American Entrepreneurship.** 3 cr, G. Research seminar on casual factors of success and failure in African-American entrepreneurship. Prereq: grad st.

**Africol 815 Seminar in African-American Leadership and Public Policy.** 3 cr, G. Research on the form and substance of African-American leadership pertaining to public policy. Prereq: grad st.

**Africol 816 Seminar in Pan-Africanism: (Subtitle).** 3 cr, G. Research seminar on the historical and contemporary significance of Pan-Africanism. May be retaken with change in topic to a max of 6 cr. Prereq: grad st.

**Africol 825 Seminar in Ancient Egyptian Science and Technology. 3 cr, G.** Research seminar on the science and technology of Egyptian antiquity. Prereq: grad st.

**Africol 828 Seminar on Major African-American Scientists and Inventors. 3 cr, G.** Research concerning the theoretic and empirical work of nineteenth and twentieth century African-American scientists and inventors. Prereq: grad st.

**Africol 831 Seminar in Global Black Power and Powerlessness. 3 cr, G.** Research on scientific and technological forces that foster power and powerlessness among black peoples globally. Prereq: grad st.

**Africol 834 Seminar in Slavery: (Subtitle). 3 cr, G.** Specific Topics and any additional prereqs will be announced in the Schedule of Classes each time the course is offered. May be retaken with change in topic to a max of 6 cr. Prereq: grad st; cons instr.

**Africol 835 Seminar in Extended Families in Black Societies. 3 cr, G.** Research seminar on the contrasting principles of extended family formation and functioning across societies of the African world. Prereq: grad st.

**Africol 836 Seminar in Women in Africa and the Diaspora: (Subtitle). 3 cr, G.** Specific topics and any additional prereqs will be announced in the Schedule of Classes each time the course is offered. May be retaken with change in topic to a max of 6 cr. Prereq: grad st; cons instr.

**Africol 837 Women and Informal Markets: (Subtitle). 3 cr, G.** Specific topics and any additional prereqs will be announced in the Schedule of Classes each time the course is offered. May be retaken with change in topic to a max of 6 cr. Prereq: grad st; cons instr.

**Africol 855 Seminar in Ancient and Modern Cities of Africa. 3 cr, G.** An analysis of the rise, growth, and decline of cities in Africa. Prereq: grad st.

## **Economics**

**Econ 712 Urban Economic Theory. 3 cr, G.** Trends in U.S. urbanization and suburbanization. Studies of urban household and firm behavior. General equilibrium analytical and simulation models of urban structure. Prereq: grad st; Econ 301.

**Econ 749 Urban Public Finance. 3 cr, G.** Analysis of state and local government expenditures and revenues; demand for urban services and costs of supplying them and methods of financing them. Prereq: grad st; Econ 301.

**Econ 939 Seminar: Urban Economics. 3 cr, G.** Analysis of advanced topics in urban economics. May be retaken with change in topic to a max of 6 cr. Prereq: grad st; Econ 712 and 713.

**Econ 974 Seminar: Economic Development and Growth. 3 cr, G.** Analysis of advanced topics relating to the process of economic development and theory of growth. May be retaken with change in topic to a max of 6 cr. Prereq: grad st; Econ 774 and 775.

### English

**English 780 African-American Literature: (Subtitle). 3 cr, G.** Introduction to the major writers and themes in African-American literature, emphasizing current critical issues. May be retaken with a change in topic to a max of 6 credits. Prereq: grad st.

**English 871 Seminar in African-American Literature. 3 cr, G.** Intensive examination of one or more major writers, themes, or critical topics in the literature of African Americans. May be retaken with a change in topic to max of 6 credits. Prereq: grad st.

### Geography

**Geog 934 Seminar: Urban Geography. 3 cr, G.** Retakeable with change in topic to a max of 9 cr. Prereq: grad st.

### History

**Hist 714 Oral History. 3 cr, G.** Purpose, value, theory, method, and achievement of oral history. Students will conduct, transcribe, and analyze one oral history interview. Prereq: grad st; History 700 required for Public History students only; cons instr.

**Hist 833 Colloquium in Comparative Urban History. 3 cr, G.** Studies in history emphasizing urban development and urban institutions worldwide (Europe, the Americas, Asia, Africa and the Middle East). Prereq: grad st; cons instr.

### Master of Arts in Foreign Language and Literature

**MAFLL 704 Seminar in Cultural Studies: (Subtitle). 3 cr, G.** Investigation of cultural phenomena in their socio-historical contexts and in their symbolization in folklore, literature, and art. Specific topics and any additional prereqs will be announced in the Schedule of Classes each time the course is offered. Prereq: grad st; cons MAFLL Coord Committee chair.

### Political Science

**Pol Sci 751 Seminar in Public Policy Formation. 3 cr, G.** An examination of the nature and consequences of constraints upon policy-makers in political institutions. Prereq: grad st.

**Pol Sci 763 Public Bureaucracies and Organization Theory. 3 cr, G.** Seminar on the interaction between political environment and public agency decision making. This seminar introduces analytic tools to political science and other students emphasizing public administration. Prereq: grad st.

**Pol Sci 974 Seminar in Politics and Public Policy. 3 cr, G.** Research in the formulation and execution of public policy in a democratic society. Prereq: grad st.

**Pol Sci 975 Seminar in Policy Analysis in States and Communities. 3 cr, G.** Research seminar in micro-level and macro-level explanations of public policy. Data paper required. Prereq: grad st; cons instr.

### **Sociology**

**Sociol 790 Social Stratification. 3 cr, G.** Differential power, wealth and influences and contrasting life expectancies, life chances and perceptions of the various social classes in society. Prereq: grad st.

**Sociol 770 Urban Sociology. 3 cr, G.** Evolution of urban social organization. Patterns of American urbanization, suburbanization and metropolitan growth. Theories of change in urban spatial and social structure. Selected cross-cultural comparisons. Prereq: grad st.

**Sociol 775 Social Change and Social Evolution. 3 cr, G.** General survey of theories and approaches to social change. Diverse theories of change ranging from evolutionism to modernization and development are examined in terms of theoretical formulations and specific applications. Prereq: grad st.

**Sociol 927 Seminar in Sociology of Contemporary Institutions: (Subtitle). 3 cr, G.** Analysis of major institutions in modern societies in terms of status orders, division of labor, normative systems, processes of social change, and conflict. Specific topics and any additional prerequisites will be announced in the Schedule of Classes each time the course is offered. Retakeable with change in topic and cons adviser to a max of 9 cr. Prereq: grad st.

### **Urban Planning**

**UrbPlng 721 Applied Planning Methods. 3 cr, G.** Data sources and analysis techniques for urban planning. Survey design, economic analyses, benefit/cost analysis, market areas; the complexities of public and private data sources. Prereq: grad st; UrbPlan 720 or cons instr.

**UrbPIng 762 Housing Markets and Public Policy. 3 cr, G.** Examination of national and local housing markets, their components and operations, and the impacts on them of a variety of public and private actions. Prereq: grad st.

**UrbPIng 781 Environmental Law and Policy. 3 cr, G.** Seminar on major state and federal environmental laws as they apply to planning and development; economic and social effects of environmental problems and laws. Prereq: grad st.

**UrbPIng 885 Urbanization, Planning and National Development Policies. 3 cr, G.** Examination of the urbanization process of developed and developing industrial nations, and the application of the process of planning and policy formulation to the implementation of sector and program strategies. Prereq: grad st.