

CULTURAL DIVERSITY (D)

GENERAL EDUCATION GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

PREFATORY STATEMENT

The purpose of the cultural diversity requirement is to help students understand the variety of cultures which they may encounter. Culture is the matrix of ideas, creeds, religions, attitudes, habits, artifacts, and institutions (social, educational, artistic, political, an economic) that condition the way people in a given society live.

Goal

The goal of the cultural diversity requirement is to have students read, analyze, experience and/or discuss the different cultures and subcultures in the United States and/or throughout the world.

Objective: All students will do at least one of the following:

1. discuss ethnicity, race, class and/or gender perspectives related to the topics covered in the course
2. discuss contemporary world issues based on an international perspective of the historical, political, economic, and social developments of diverse cultures.
3. demonstrate, either through language, art, literature, theatre, or music, knowledge of a culture(s) different from their own.
4. explain and/or demonstrate the ways various social groups or communities within a given society live
5. explain and discuss how non-Western philosophical and/or religious traditions can be applied to contemporary world issues.