

## **CULTURAL DIVERSITY REQUIREMENTS 2005-2006**

All new undergraduate students must satisfy a Cultural Diversity (CD) credit requirement. Students pursuing a baccalaureate degree must take at least two (2) courses and a minimum of six (6) credits from the list of courses designated as Cultural Diversity courses. Two types of courses fulfill the Cultural Diversity requirement: (1) Cultural Diversity CORE courses (CD-Core) and (2) Cultural Diversity Related courses (CD-Related). A CD-Core course is at least 75% devoted to topics of race, gender, sexual orientation, age, class, and disabilities as they occur in United States society. A CD-Related course is at least 25% devoted to the above topics or to a global perspective on topics related to African American, Asian, Hispanics, and Native American inhabitants of the United States.

Domestic Cultural Diversity courses study the diverse components of United States culture in order to offer an understanding of the history and culture of ethnically diverse groups; majority/minority relations; civil rights; and other economic, political, social, and educational issues surrounding such pluralism. This study of Cultural Diversity emphasizes understanding the dynamics of race, gender, sexual orientation, age, class, and disabilities.

Global cultural diversity courses provide students with knowledge of societies, peoples, and cultures throughout the world as they relate to African American, Asian, Hispanic, and Native American inhabitants of the United States.

Courses must be taken according to the following distribution: (1) At least one course must be taken from the list of courses designated as Cultural Diversity-core; (2) At least two different departments must be represented. Students are encouraged to take more than one core course in completing the CD requirement. One CD-Core course and a minimum of 3 credits satisfies the CD requirements for an AA degree. Transfer students that have taken between 33 and 63 credits will be granted up to 3 credits of their CD requirement while transfer students that have taken 64 or more credits or have already received an AA degree will be granted 6 CD credits, satisfying their entire CD requirement.