

Procedure on Associate of Arts Degrees and Cultural Diversity

Minnesota State University, Mankato's current policy, aligned with MnSCU policy on transfers, states that when a student transfers to Minnesota State University, Mankato with an Associate of Arts (AA) degree, their cultural diversity requirement is satisfied. However, current practice at Minnesota State University, Mankato is that when a student comes to Minnesota State University, Mankato with less than an AA degree, then transfers Minnesota State University, Mankato courses to their previous institution in order to receive an AA degree at the previous institution, Minnesota State University, Mankato does NOT accept that the cultural diversity requirement is satisfied, even though a student now does have a completed AA degree from another institution. This creates a significant inconsistency on our part and many questions on the part of students.

Effective Fall 2004, a student who transfers to Minnesota State University, Mankato who has a completed AA degree from another institution, even if that completed AA degree includes credits from Minnesota State University, Mankato that were transferred to another institution in order to complete the AA degree, will have satisfied cultural diversity requirements. This procedure will bring Minnesota State University, Mankato into compliance with the spirit of the MnSCU Policy 3.21.