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Proposal: Cultural Diversity Graduation Requirement Criteria for Associate Degree Plan A: Cuyamaca College General Education Requirements

Students will complete at least one course that has been designated as meeting the cultural diversity graduation requirement.

Courses that meet the requirement must meet criteria A, B, and C.

A: Course content and materials substantively focus on a variety of perspectives about world cultures and/or historically underrepresented groups in the United States. The course exposes students to content from three (3) or more of the following areas:

Ability status

Age

Citizenship status

Environmental Justice

Ethnicity

Gender

Gender expression

Language

Race

Religion

Sexual orientation

Socio-economic status and/or class

World cultures (art, cuisine, customs, music, philosophy, religion, social and political systems, etc.)

 B: The course provides a critical analysis of diverse ways of thinking about and experiencing the world.

C: Two of the following must apply.

1. The course must examine the social, political, economic, and cultural practices of discrimination and inequality toward historically underrepresented groups in the United States and/or globally.
2. The course provides knowledge of, and promotes critical analysis of power, privilege, and opportunity in the United States and/or globally.
3. The course enhances skills needed for effective citizenship as well as communication and relationships between individuals from different backgrounds and/or cultures.
4. The course fosters cultural awareness and mutual respect among individuals of diverse backgrounds.

Process forward:

If passed by the Curriculum Committee and the Academic Senate, catalog language will be developed and be placed in the 2020-2021 catalog. A form will be created (or an existing form will be amended) to facilitate departments submitting appropriate courses for listing in the catalog as meeting the cultural diversity graduation requirement. During the 2019-2020 academic year departments can submit appropriate courses for approval through normal curriculum channels. Courses approved for the cultural diversity graduation requirement will be listed in the 2020-2021 catalog.