

Guidelines for Cultural elective courses:

Courses in the cultural category develop and deepen students' cultural awareness. Knowledge is gained from the study of the values, beliefs, modes of expression, and social practices of various human cultures.

Criteria

Cultural courses will

1. enhance student understanding of the symbols, artifacts, and activities that have emerged over time from various interpretations of human experience;
2. involve the study of one or more of the disciplines traditionally related to the humanities; the study of the social sciences as they concern themselves with humanistic content and employ humanistic methods, and the application of the humanities and social sciences to areas reflecting our diverse heritage, traditions, history, and current national life;
3. emphasize elements of the cultural context(s) of the content area (e.g. ideas, beliefs, institutions, and experiences) and the values and assumptions that underlie them.

Student learning outcomes

In addition to course-specific learning outcomes students will

1. identify and reflect on their own cultural backgrounds and compare and contrast their native cultures to other cultures;
2. gain knowledge of literary, aesthetic, philosophical, and/or religious traditions;
3. gain knowledge of major developments of western and/or non-western cultures;
4. understand major cultural forces that have an international impact.