

UO MULTICULTURAL REQUIREMENT

Bachelor's degree candidates must complete one course in two of the following categories:
A: American Cultures; B: Identity, Pluralism, and Tolerance; C: International Cultures.
A minimum of 6 credits in approved courses must be earned.

Category A: American Cultures

The goal is to focus on race and ethnicity in the United States by considering racial and ethnic groups from historical and comparative perspectives. Five racial or ethnic groups are identified: African American, Chicano or Latino, Native American, Asian American, European American.

Approved courses deal with at least two of these groups in a comparative manner. They do not necessarily deal specifically with discrimination or prejudice, although many do.

Category B: Identity, Pluralism, and Tolerance

The goal is to gain scholarly insight into the construction of collective identities, the emergence of representative voices from varying social and cultural standpoints, and the effects of prejudice, intolerance, and discrimination. The identities at issue may include ethnicities as in Category A, as well as classes, genders, religions, sexual orientations, or other groups whose experiences contribute to cultural pluralism. This category includes courses that analyze the general principles underlying tolerance, or the lack of it.

Category C: International Cultures

The goal is to study world cultures in critical perspective. Approved courses either treat an international culture in view of the issues raised in Categories A and B - namely, race and ethnicity, pluralism and monoculturalism, and/or prejudice and tolerance - or explicitly describe and analyze a world view -- i.e., a system of knowledge, feeling, and belief -- that is substantially different from those prevalent in the 20th- and 21st-century United States.