

General Education Revision

Revised Philosophy Statement and Criteria for Associate Degree Area F. Cultural Diversity

Diversity Philosophy Statement

West Valley College firmly believes that our world, and thus all of United States society, derives its strength from the diversity of its people. Therefore, WVC is committed to preparing students to be inquisitive, aware, and appreciative of the different cultures, ethnicities, races, sexualities and gender identities, socio-economic classes, and physical and mental disabilities represented inside and outside their own communities.

Criteria required for courses to meet the Diversity requirement

Any course that is used to satisfy the Diversity requirement must meet the following criteria:

- a) Courses used to satisfy the Diversity requirement must include a theoretical and analytical component that allows students to compare and contrast the disciplinary content either solely as it is present in the United States and/or as it is present in various parts of the globe.

More specifically,

- b) in order for a course to be eligible to be included in the list of courses that meet the associate degree Cultural Diversity requirement, it must examine (either by focusing on components of a particular group or by comparing two or more groups) issues of diversity (cultural, ethnicities, races, sexualities and gender identities, socio-economic class, physical and mental disabilities) inside the United States;

and/or

- c) to be eligible, the course must provide a broad overview or survey of (so that students can examine and compare) the discipline as it relates to issues of diversity (cultural, ethnicities, races, sexualities and gender identities, socioeconomic class, physical and mental disabilities) outside the United States.

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