Cultural Competence Requirement

History

In 2008, FCC changed students' graduation requirements to include a cultural competence course. As a result, FCC has changed the wording of goal X from "Students will appreciate a multicultural society," to "Students will demonstrate cultural competence." Targeted general education courses underwent a certification process to be deemed a cultural competence course. Newly developed courses seeking cultural competence certification must meet specific criteria in order to be certified as a cultural competence course. Assessment of cultural competence goals attainment in several courses is currently being piloted.

Policy

Developing cultural competence is essential for living and working in a diverse democratic society. As part of the college's degree requirements, students must complete a class that is designated a cultural competence course. Cultural competence courses expose students to the knowledge and skills necessary to participate effectively in dynamic, evolving multicultural contexts. Students will not be required to take an additional course for graduation; rather, courses can double-count to fulfill an existing general education requirement as well as the cultural competence requirement. Following is a list of those courses which will fulfill the cultural competence requirement. (25 courses are listed for 2011/12 to fullfill the requirement)

Online Courses Meeting the Requirement (as of 2010/11)
    AN 101–Introduction to Anthropology
    CMSP 105–Group Discussion
    ED 203 Foundations of Special Education
    GG 102–Cultural Geography
     PH 204–World Religions
    SO 102–Social Problems