**Essential Course Design Requirements for the**

**U.S. Ethnic Diversity Perspectives Designation (V 1.0)**

**College:**

**Academic Unit:**

**Course Prefix & Number:**

**Course Title:**

Course Proposal Forms for the General Studies Program are called “Essential Course Design Requirement” Forms. These forms were developed to be submitted with, and continually linked to, the Syllabus of Record. The form was designed to clearly describe to any future faculty member teaching a General Studies course exactly what learning outcomes, similar assignments and similar course materials must be present each time the course is prepared. This ensures the course will continue to retain its alignment with General Studies Requirements regardless of who, when, or how the class section is taught.

In addition, these forms are the best versions developed thus far from the Diversity Curriculum Committee. We expect that as we receive submission, we will examine and continue to adapt their usability over time.

Please note that to receive this designation you must adhere to the content and critical thinking requirements. For more specific information please review the [U.S. Ethnic Diversity Course Design Requirements](#IP_CourseDesign) PRIOR to starting.

**U.S. Ethnic Diversity Content Requirements**

**Content 1.**

Provide concrete evidence, as shown in the assignments, learning outcomes and course materials, and specific explanation(s) of how a clear majority of the course focuses on the voices, expertise and viewpoints of U.S. Ethnic minority groups (such as African American, Asian American, Latino/a, Pacific Islander peoples). Note that Indigenous Peoples are incorporated in the requirement under the Indigenous Peoples Diversity Perspectives category.

Please feel free to copy and paste learning outcomes, assignments/assessments and course materials from your syllabus.

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| **Learning Outcomes**:  *These must be present each time the course is taught*. | **Assignments/Assessments**  (Example assignments that align with the learning outcomes; these assignments may change based on the instructor, unless otherwise indicated by the academic unit’s submission) | **Course Materials** (e.g., readings, films, multimedia, speakers, field trips, etc.). ***Although course materials may change, they must come from the voices, expertise and viewpoints of U.S. Ethnic groups.*** | **Explanation**: Describe to the committee why and how a clear majority of the course focuses on the voices, expertise and viewpoints of U.S. Ethnic groups. |
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Either provide your explanation in the table above, or provide your explanation here:

**Content 2.**

Provide concrete evidence, as shown in the assignments, learning outcomes and course materials, of how intersectionality is addressed in relation to U.S. Ethnic minority groups’ lives, experiences, etc. so that the course, in a substantial way, includes the voices, expertise and viewpoints of at least one [**additional element of social identity**](#Intersectionality_US) (e.g., gender, race and racism, sexuality, socioeconomic status, disability, nationality/ geography), and includes the voices/perspectives and experiential knowledge emerge from the following structural systems of oppression: racism, sexism, ableism, transphobia, homophobia, economic insecurity, xenophobia, colonialism, and/or religious exclusion/discrimination/violence.

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| **Learning Outcomes:**  *These must be present each time the course is taught*. | **Assignments/Assessments**  (Example assignments that align with the learning outcomes; these assignments may change based on the instructor, unless otherwise indicated by the academic unit’s submission) | **Course Materials** (e.g., readings, films, multimedia, speakers, field trips, etc.). ***Although course materials may change, they must come from the voices, expertise and viewpoints of at least one*** [**additional element of social identity**](#Intersectionality_US) ***and examines structural systems of oppression.*** | **Explanation:** Describe to the committee why and how intersectionality is addressed in a substantial way by including the voices, expertise and viewpoints of at least one additional element of social identity |
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Either provide your explanation in the table above, or provide your explanation here:

**Content 3.** Additional content fulfilled by the course (select at least one and copy and paste it below):

* 1. Inclusion of theoretical approaches emerging from critical race theory and similar contexts
  2. Issues of difference with respect to U.S. ethnic minorities
  3. Contributions of U.S. ethnic minorities in U.S. democracy and western civilization
  4. Terminology, vocabulary, and means of conceptualizing the social world by U.S. Ethnic Minorities
  5. The complexity of historical and cultural influences and how they manifest within an individual or group’s identity
  6. Anti-colonial, Latinx social movements, and resistance movements and struggles
  7. Diasporas, migrations and borderlands, particularly in the Southwest.

Identify at least one of the above additional content areas (a – g) fulfilled by the course and place it here:

Provide concrete evidence, as shown in the assignments, learning outcomes and course materials, of how your course fulfills the content identified in the section above.

Please feel free to copy and paste learning outcomes, assignments/assessments and course materials from your syllabus.

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| **Learning Outcomes:**  *These must be present each time the course is taught*. | **Assignments/Assessments**  (Example assignments that align with the learning outcomes; these assignments may change based on the instructor, unless otherwise indicated by the academic unit’s submission) | **Course Materials** (e.g., readings, films, multimedia, speakers, field trips, etc.). ***Although course materials may change, they must come from the voices, expertise and viewpoints of U.S. Ethnic groups.*** | **Explanation:** Describe to the committee why and how the course fulfills this additional content requirement. |
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**U.S. Ethnic Diversity Critical Thinking Requirements**

**Critical Thinking 1.**

Provide concrete evidence, as shown in the assignments, learning outcomes and course materials, and specific explanation(s) of how the course achieves the following learning outcome: “Evaluates how influences of inequality, power and privilege affect perspectives and ideologies.” If possible, please use this specific outcome. If you do not use this specific outcome, please describe how your modifications for your discipline still accomplish the learning outcome.

Please feel free to copy and paste learning outcomes, assignments/assessments and course materials from your syllabus.

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| **Learning Outcomes**:  *These must be present each time the course is taught*. | **Assignments/Assessments**  (Example assignments that align with the learning outcomes; these assignments may change based on the instructor, unless otherwise indicated by the academic unit’s submission) | **Course Materials** (e.g., readings, films, multimedia, speakers, field trips, etc.). ***Although course materials may change, they must come from the voices, expertise and viewpoints of U.S. Ethnic groups.*** | **Explanation**: Describe to the committee why and how the course achieves the following learning outcome: “Evaluates how influences of inequality, power and privilege affect perspectives and ideologies.” |
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Either provide your explanation in the table above, or provide your explanation here:

**Critical Thinking 2.** Additional Critical Thinking Outcomes fulfilled by the course (select at least one and copy and paste it below):

* 1. Analyze one’s experience when viewing, engaging, or applying the course’s content
  2. Examine how our actions influence and are influenced by cultural paradigms
  3. Recognize and articulate the ways in which cultures reflect, influence, perpetuate, and resist other cultural ideologies
  4. Withhold immediate judgment of a work to reflect on the possible breadth of meanings related to the work before making informed judgments
  5. Develop an understanding of the complex identities, histories and cultures of self and others

Identify at least one of the above additional Critical Thinking Outcome (a – e) fulfilled by the course and place it here:

Provide concrete evidence, as shown in the assignments, learning outcomes and course materials, of how your course fulfills the Critical Thinking Outcome(s) identified in the section above.

Please feel free to copy and paste learning outcomes, assignments/assessments and course materials from your syllabus.

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| **Learning Outcomes:**  *These must be present each time the course is taught*. | **Assignments/Assessments**  (Example assignments that align with the learning outcomes; these assignments may change based on the instructor, unless otherwise indicated by the academic unit’s submission) | **Course Materials** (e.g., readings, films, multimedia, speakers, field trips, etc.). ***Although course materials may change, they must come from the voices, expertise and viewpoints of U.S. Ethnic groups.*** | **Explanation:** Describe to the committee why and how the course fulfills this additional critical thinking requirement. |
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**U.S. Ethnic Diversity Course Design Requirements**

**U.S. Ethnic Diversity Content Requirements**

Courses must include the following content elements: (including assignments/ assessments, discussions, lecture, reading materials, etc.)

1. **Content 1.** **The majority (at least half) of course content focuses on the voices, expertise and viewpoints of U.S. Ethnic minority groups (such as African American, Asian American, Latino/a, Pacific Islander peoples)**, including their theoretical, historical, social, political, economic, cultural, geographic, environmental, religious, scientific, artistic, and intellectual traditions and ways of knowing. (Indigenous Peoples are incorporated in the requirement under the Indigenous Peoples Diversity Perspectives category.)
2. **Content 2. Intersectionality**: Additional substantial, in-depth content examines the intersectionality of voices, expertise and viewpoints, examining how at least one (at minimum) additional element of social identity, including race and racism, gender, sexuality, socio-economic class, disability, nationality/geography, indigeneity combine to impact an individual or group’s experience.
3. **Content 3. Additional Content List** - select at least one more from the following:
   1. Inclusion of theoretical approaches emerging from critical race theory and similar contexts
   2. Issues of difference with respect to U.S. ethnic minorities
   3. Contributions of U.S. ethnic minorities in U.S. democracy and western civilization
   4. Terminology, vocabulary, and means of conceptualizing the social world by U.S. Ethnic Minorities
   5. The complexity of historical and cultural influences and how they manifest within an individual or group’s identity
   6. Anti-colonial, Latinx social movements, and resistance movements and struggles
   7. Diasporas, migrations and borderlands, particularly in the Southwest.

**U.S. Ethnic Diversity Critical Thinking Outcomes**

1. **Critical Thinking 1.** Evaluate how influences of inequality, power and privilege affect perspectives and ideologies
2. **Critical Thinking 2.** AND select at least one more from the following:
   1. Analyze one’s experience when viewing, engaging, or applying the course’s content
   2. Examine how our actions influence and are influenced by cultural paradigms
   3. Recognize and articulate the ways in which cultures reflect, influence, perpetuate, and resist other cultural ideologies
   4. Withhold immediate judgment of a work to reflect on the possible breadth of meanings related to the work before making informed judgments
   5. Develop an understanding of the complex identities, histories and cultures of self and others