

DRC Category Requirements

- **Human Relations** - Does not apply to the A.E.S., A.A.S., or A.G.S. degrees

Public universities and community colleges, but not private institutions, are required by Public Act 87-581 "to include, in the general education requirements for obtaining a degree, coursework on improving human relations to include race, ethnicity, gender and other issues related to improving human relations...." Students enrolled in or transferring to a public institution should be advised to complete at least one diversity course within the General Education Core Curriculum.

The Steering Panel believes that "the knowledge, wisdom, and creativity of diverse human groups" (see page 6 of the General Education Core Curriculum) should be embedded throughout General Education Core Curriculum courses and that no one should graduate without such understanding. Courses that focus on non-Western cultures and American diversity are identified in both the Humanities and Fine Arts and the Social and Behavioral sections. [Steering Panel, 1994]

Each discipline (English, Psychology, Criminal Justice, etc.) is limited to a maximum of 15 credit hours or 5 courses.

Courses should be articulated for credit at an accredited college or university at the 1100-level or above

Courses should be electives without prerequisites.

Courses should be generally transferable as elective credit

Courses should be approved through the College-wide Curriculum Committee for general catalog offerings

Courses do not need to be articulated for Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI) General Education Core Curriculum or IAI majors. However, they do need to be articulated with the ICCB and part of the regular catalog offerings at College of DuPage.

Only courses that have gone through the COD curriculum process and have been given a permanent, non-repeatable course number are eligible for the category. Courses listed as 1800 or 2800, 1840 or 2840, 1820 to 1829, 2820 or 2829, or labeled as independent study, experiential/pilot, selected topics of field/experiential are ineligible.

Courses may be submitted by individual full-time faculty, several full-time faculty jointly, a discipline, or a division.

Courses retain their transfer (T) or occupational (O) status in this category, in accordance with the 10 hour maximum occupational credit limit for the A.A. and A.S. degrees.

- **Global/Multicultural Studies** - Does not apply to the A.E.S. degree

The College of DuPage faculty has made an educational commitment to global/multicultural studies. The purpose of this category is to enhance student capacity to:

- conceptualize and understand the complexity of an international system (economics, government, politics, etc.)
- understand world cultures and international events
- appreciate the diversity as well as commonality of human values, beliefs and behaviors
- understand and apply the principles of intercultural communication
- broaden student perspective by exposure to a culture different from the student's own

The global/multicultural studies requirement is a College of DuPage degree requirement outside the Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI) General Education Core Curriculum package of courses.

Courses do not need IAI approval; however, the Degree Requirements Committee will designate in the catalog any course that meets IAI requirements.

Each associate degree requires different minimum course credits needed to satisfy the global/multicultural requirement for each associate's degree. Courses must be at least 1 credit with a minimum 1100 course number.

- A.A. degree - one course
- A.S. degree - one course from either the Contemporary Life Skills OR global/multicultural studies category
- A.A.S. degree 2 credits from either the Contemporary Life Skills OR Global/multicultural studies category
- A.G.S. degree - 2 credits
- A.F.A. degree - one course
- A.E.S. degree - no requirement

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Courses in the General Education Core Curriculum must be submitted to the Degree Requirements Committee if faculty wish them to be designated as meeting the International/Intercultural requirement.

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• **Contemporary Life Skills** - Does not apply to the A.E.S. degree

"DRC will use the following guidelines in recommending new courses for inclusion in the CLS list: Courses in this category are intended to help students function in a changing, technological and complex society. Consideration will be given to courses in the following life skills areas:

creative expression,

problem solving,

interpersonal communication,

health and body,

computers/technology,

personal development

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