

GENERAL STUDIES: INTERCULTURAL STUDIES EMPHASIS

This degree provides an opportunity for students to earn an Associate of Arts (AA) degree in a comprehensive area of study and is intended for the student who is not currently preparing to transfer to a university. A minimum of 60 semester units must be completed with an overall Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.0 or better in all degree-applicable units. Only courses numbered 1-299 may be applied toward this associate degree.

Courses in Intercultural Studies increase students' understanding of and appreciation for cultures and groups of people within the United States, including people within one's own group and those who are in a different cultural group. History, customs, methods of communication, artistic representations and traditions are explored in these courses that address theoretical and analytical issues relevant to understanding race, culture, gender and ethnicity in American history and society. Each course is an integrated and comparative study of at least three of the following: African Americans, American Indians, Asian Americans, Chicano/Latino Americans, and European Americans.

Learning Outcomes: Upon successful completion of the program, students will be able to:

- Form a provable thesis, develop it through factual research, distinguish between fact and opinion, and make effective rhetorical choices in relation to audience and purpose.
- Analyze and evaluate complex issues or problems, draw reasoned conclusions and/or generate solutions, and effectively communicate their results.
- Analyze and interpret human thought, achievement, and expression relevant to such branches of knowledge as philosophy, literature, and/or the fine and performing arts, and to communicate the results.
- Critically examine and comprehend human nature and behavior, social traditions, and institutions.
- Examine interactions and interconnections across cultures.

Associate in Arts Degree

Associate Degree Major Requirements

Units

REQUIRED CORE:

Select 18 units from at least two disciplines from courses listed below: 18

BUSI 38	Multiculturalism in Corporate America (3)
ECED 56	Teaching in a Diverse Society (3)
ENGL 40A	Survey of American Literature I (3)
ENGL 40B	Survey of American Literature II (3)
ETNC 6	Culture in American Film (3)
ETNC 10	Intercultural Relations in American Society (3)
ETNC/LING 45	Introduction to Language and Society (3)
GWOS/HIST 12	Women in United States History (3)
HUMA 30	Humanities in Multicultural America (3)
SOCI 13	Introduction to Race and Ethnicity (3)
SPCH 4	Intercultural Communication (3)
THEA 4	Intercultural Drama (3)

TOTAL MAJOR UNITS

18

Associate Degree Requirements (as described above)

18

Complete Competency Requirements and MPC General Education Pattern for a total of 60 degree-applicable units (see pages 72-73, 76 in the 2017-18 MPC Catalog).

TOTAL DEGREE UNITS

60