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To: General Studies Council

From: Cultural Diversity in the United States Subcommittee  
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Re: Recommendations for Course Proposals for C designation

### **Course Recommendations**

#### **Approve for C designation**

*From ASU: (none)*  
*From MCCD: (none)*

#### **Deny for C designation**

*From ASU: (none)*  
*From MCCD:*

EED 220 Child, Family, Community, and Culture: There is no content focus on cultural diversity in the U.S. based on the course competencies and course outline. The current syllabus does not make clear that the course has any emphasis on the contemporary United States (criterion 1). Instead, the scope of this course appears to focus on concepts that could apply to a child being raised in any country. There are certainly many aspects and assignments of this course relating to cultural diversity, such as the Children's Diversity Book Presentation, but again, the concepts presented are not tied to the United States and seem applicable to any country. In addition, the course does not appear to be an in-depth study of culture-specific elements, cultural experiences or cultural contributions (criterion 2a). This course seems to be more of a child development course with aspects of family dynamics, supporting families, and cultural influences. It looks at too many other factors of development that are not necessarily related to cultural diversity, such as the attachment process, early brain development, social bonding, etc., to say that this course is an "in-depth study" of cultural experiences. If this course were to be re-reviewed for cultural diversity designation, it would need to undergo major revisions and would need to showcase a focus of the course content on the U.S. and in-depth studies of culture-specific elements, cultural experiences, or cultural contributions. It would also need to show that the course objectives align with the course outline, readings, learning activities and assessments for criteria 1 & 2a. Right now, the assignments and readings are very vague and would not qualify as an in-depth study.

#### **Revise and Resubmit for C designation**

*From ASU: (none)*  
*From MCCD: (none)*