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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: (none)

Revise and Resubmit for C designation

From ASU:

CEL 294 Race and the American Story: Revise and Resubmit. There is ample evidence that this course has the potential to meet the cultural diversity requirement. However, more information is needed to fully evaluate the course to determine how students will interact with that content to meet the requirements of the Cultural Diversity designation. There is some evidence that students will gain an understanding of Cultural diversity in contemporary society (MLK panel, readings from Barak Obama/Donald Trump, guest lectures on race and African American Women, etc.). However, the syllabus only includes brief descriptions of course content (presentations, music playlist, speech). The assignment descriptions are very vague and open-ended in that students choose their own topics that relate to race in America. Because of this openness, it is unclear how these assignments will lead to students' greater understanding of cultural diversity in contemporary U.S. In addition, the syllabus only lists culture-specific assigned readings. It does not mention how students will interact with these readings and connect them with other class readings, class topics, current events, etc., in a way that would make it clear that this course is an in-depth study of culture-specific elements (i.e. African American literature) that will lead to students' greater understanding of Cultural Diversity in Contemporary U.S. society. More detailed information is needed on assignments, readings, and course discussion topics to make a determination. A topical outline of the course would also be helpful.

From MCCD: (none)