

DIVERSITY STUDIES

An escalating interconnectedness marks the society into which Linfield students will graduate.

Diversity Studies within the Linfield Curriculum is meant to ensure that all students examine the cultural and individual differences produced by such factors as gender, race, ethnicity, national origin, religion, and sexual orientation. The university thus affirms the benefits of mutual tolerance and civil discussion fostered by a deepened understanding of and respect for human complexity.

REQUIREMENT

Students must take two courses which address facets of cultural diversity such as gender, race, national or geopolitical allegiance, religion, sexual orientation, and cultural mores. This requirement applies to all students regardless of citizenship. It is not met by classes in modern language instruction, though upper division culture classes offered by the Global Languages and Cultural Studies Department may satisfy Global Pluralisms. Courses in Diversity Studies may, but are not mandated to, belong to any of the Modes of Inquiry. Students may propose experiential learning projects to satisfy half of this requirement; such projects must receive prior approval from the Curriculum Committee.

- One course must address Global Pluralisms (GP) (<http://catalog.linfield.edu/degrees-and-programs/undergraduate/curriculum/general-education-requirements/diversity-studies/global-pluralisms/>)
- One must explore U.S. Pluralisms (US) (<http://catalog.linfield.edu/degrees-and-programs/undergraduate/curriculum/general-education-requirements/diversity-studies/us-pluralisms/>).

EXEMPLARS

To satisfy the requirement for each diversity designation (GP, US), a student must demonstrate meeting the learning objectives of that designation by choosing an assignment, or collection of assignments, to post in an online repository. In the case of an experiential learning opportunity, the exemplar will be a summary report. The choice of these exemplars must be supported with a paragraph description. These exemplars must be posted by the last day of finals of the semester the course is taken. For the case in which a course satisfies multiple designations, the student may submit exemplars and support for multiple designations; however, the student must choose the designation for which the course is to count and will receive credit only for that single designation.