MINOR IN DIVERSITY STUDIES

The 18-hour minor provides for an interdisciplinary approach to Diversity Studies. It also provides conceptual frameworks for exploring new perspectives which recover the history and creative expressions previously excluded by the traditional approaches to higher education. The minor fosters students development of self, voice, and moral vision to prepare students to live and work effectively in a pluralistic society. Although not required, the minor currently offers students the option of a concentration in a special topics area. The special topics include: African American, American Indian or Latino American Studies, Latinos and the Media. Students may also explore issues related to religion, age, sexual orientation, and physical ability and disability. Using the courses available students may design a special focus based on their interest or career path.

The required core course, (3 hours) DVST 3301 offers a general, multidisciplinary and comparative survey.

The general requirement block (9 hours): This area is meant for courses that focus specially on issues related to American ethnic groups and their country of origin, women and gender issues, sexual orientation, religion, age, and ability/disability issues.

The general concepts electives block (6 hours) deals more broadly with concepts of diversity. These courses provide a theoretical framework for understanding comparative, interdisciplinary approaches to the study of diversity. Related diversity topics may be substituted here also.

Required Course
DVST 3301 Introduction to Diversity Studies 3

General Requirement Block
Select three of the following: 9
  ANTH 3314 Latin American Cultures
  ANTH 3322 Peoples and Cultures of Africa
  ANTH 3324 Mexican American Culture
  ANTH 3332 Myths and Moundbuilders
  ANTH 3333 North American Indians
  ANTH 3345 Archaeology of Mexico
  ANTH 3350 Gender and Sexuality in Cross-cultural Perspective
  CJ 4326 Women and Criminal Justice
  ENG 3331 Literature of Black America
  ENG 3344 Chicano/a Narrative and Social History
  ENG 3388 Women and Literature
  GEO 3308 Latin America
  GEO 3329 Geography of Texas
  GEO 3353 American Ethnic Geography
  HIST 3310 History of Europe, 1815-1919
  HIST 3311 History of Europe Since 1919
  HIST 3320 History of Mexico
  HIST 3329 Spanish Borderlands, 1521-1821
  HIST 3359 African American History
  HIST 3369Z Immigration and Ethnicity
  HIST 3372 Texas History: A Survey
  HIST 3369Y Black Women and Black Protest in America
  HIST 4318J The Arab-Israeli Wars, 1948-1996

Total Hours 18

1 Special topic courses (those offered on a selective basis) may count toward the minor with the permission of the U.S. Ethnic Studies Program Director.