MULTICULTURAL / INTERNATIONAL (M/I) GRADUATION REQUIREMENT

It is the policy of California State University, Fresno, that all students be prepared to understand and live in a multicultural and international world through their undergraduate education. Consequently, all students are required to take a multicultural / international course at CSU Fresno as a requirement for graduation at the bachelor’s degree level. M/I courses at CSU Fresno are intended to meet this graduation requirement.

General course requirements

While M/I courses in different departments will have specific requirements that are unique to their disciplinary contexts, the following general requirements will be met by all M/I courses offered at CSU Fresno:

A. M/I courses will include the following student learning outcomes: “Students completing courses in M/I will be prepared to function in an international multicultural world, or one that addresses the roles of specific ethnic or gender groups in contemporary America.”

B. M/I courses should be grounded in multicultural / international research. Subject area content (e.g., Anthropology, Economics) provides a framework for the class so students and instructors can engage in academic conversations as a means of performing academic literacy.

C. All M/I courses are at the upper-division level.

D. All M/I courses can be double counted for major requirements if a course is both M/I and a major required course or elective. Departments with an M/I course may require an M/I course to be taken outside of the major department.

E. All M/I courses are worth 3 units of credit.

F. All students in an M/I course must complete a writing requirement of at least 2,000 words. Faculty are free to meet this writing requirement in whatever manner they believe best suits the class (including the possibility of multiple assignments totaling at least 2,000 words), but it must provide an opportunity for meaningful feedback to students regarding their writing.

G. M/I courses can be taken no sooner than the term in which 60 units of coursework are completed, including completion of GE Foundation and Area D courses.

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