

# Current Language:

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## References

- [Title 5 CCR § 55063. Minimum Requirements for the Associate Degree](#)
- [KCCD Board Policy Section 4D: Graduation \(starting on page 53\)](#)
- [Bakersfield College 2020-21 Catalog language](#)

## Multicultural Requirement

Multicultural study promotes awareness of and sensitivity to diverse beliefs and practices in contemporary society. Bakersfield College requires students to take courses that are inclusive of multicultural perspectives found in American and global society. This requirement may be satisfied through studying the distinctive cultures of the United States or the world, including but not limited to ethnicity, gender, class, political systems, religions, or human geography.

### American Cultural and Ethnic Groups

This requirement includes courses that lead to an understanding of ethnic groups and cultures in American society. Courses will focus on themes that address the theoretical or analytical issues relevant to understanding race, culture, and ethnicity. This exploration can be accomplished through the study of, but not limited to: African Americans, Native Americans, Asian Americans, Chicanx/Latinx Americans, and European Americans from integrative and comparative viewpoints as they relate to the larger context of American history, society, and culture.

### World Cultures

Students may develop a multicultural perspective through a study of world cultures and their relationship to America in a global society. The study of the history, society, or culture of a foreign country and its relationship to America can demonstrate the interdependence of all nations in a global political, economic and social infrastructure. Courses meeting this requirement should not be based solely on Western Civilization.

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Courses in this category will include a multicultural focus promoting awareness of and sensitivity to diverse beliefs and practices in contemporary society. Students must complete a minimum of three (3) units of coursework in this category. The Multicultural, Cultural Diversity, or Ethnic Studies Requirement may be used to meet a major or general education requirement for the Associate degree.

### Guiding Notes for Curriculum Reference Guide

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Courses seeking approval in this category should include the following criteria clearly throughout the Course Outline of Record (COR).

- Study of the distinctive cultures including but not limited to race, ethnicity, gender, sexuality, class, political systems, religions, or human geography.
- The course should have an American and/or World focus.
  - An American Focus should address the theoretical or analytical issues relevant to understanding race, culture, and ethnicity. It should include an exploration through the study of, but not limited to African Americans, Native Americans, Asian Americans, Chicana/o/x, Latina/o/x Americans, and European Americans from integrative and comparative viewpoints as they relate to the larger context of American history, society, and culture.
  - A World Focus should not be based solely on Western Civilization. It should include a study of the history, society, or culture of a foreign country, and its relationship to America can demonstrate the interdependence of all nations in a global political, economic, and social infrastructure.
- Courses with CSU Area F approval will satisfy the local multicultural requirement.