Updates: General Education Diversity Requirements

FACULTY SENATE
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Timeline

**Fall 2017**
- U and G courses are relabeled DU or DG for Fall Registration (mid-March)
- Diversity courses, including stand alones, offered as U or G.

**Spring 2018**
- Diversity courses now labelled DU and DG
- Expedited review process for U and G courses begins

**Fall 2018**
- Stand alone diversity courses no longer offered.
- Entering students required to take a DU or DG in their first year.

**Spring 2019**
- Reviews for new DU/DG courses and addition of new DU/DG designations begins.
- Expedited review process ends.
Progress to date

Communication
- Department Heads – Information on expedited reviews & lists of U and G classes
- Diversity instructors – Information on expedited reviews & notification of faculty workshops & resources
- General Education website – Information on diversity requirements, course review, & faculty resources
- Curriculum management system (CMS) – updated forms for diversity course reviews (adding a DU/DG designation to existing, new and experimental courses)

Workshops & Faculty resources
- TEFD/GEC Workshops
- GEC Diversity Informational Sessions
- Departmental Diversity Sessions
Getting more information: General Education website

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On May 4, 2017 the Faculty Senate adopted new guidelines for the General Education diversity requirement. The General Education Program is committed to helping make this transition smoothly, and we have provided a timeline for implementation, information for instructors, including expedited review instructions and forms, and informational drop-in hours and workshops. You may also contact the GenEd Council via email with any questions.

There are three major changes associated with the implementation of these new guidelines:

1. The learning outcomes for all diversity learning outcomes have been revised;
2. The implementation process will include the conversion of all current courses holding a United States [U] or Global [G] diversity designations to the new Diversity United States [DU] or Diversity Global [DG] designation in conjunction with an expedited review process; and
3. All entering students, freshmen and transfers, will be required to take one of their two required diversity courses within their first year on campus. These new guidelines will go in effect for students entering Fall 2018. We are asking for your assistance in facilitating the implementation process by sharing this information with advisors and by facilitating the conversion process of courses within your department that may currently hold a U or G designation.
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Upcoming Workshops for Instructors

To assist faculty in completing the expedited review process the General Education Council, in collaboration with TEFD, will be hosting drop-in sessions and professional development workshops. Feel free to email us with any questions about these events!

Drop-in Sessions

We have completed our Fall 2017 drop-in sessions. Check back soon for more information about our Spring 2018 drop-in sessions.

Diversity and General Education Workshops

- Diversity and General Education: Friday, 2/9/18 2:30-4pm, Location TBD | Register here for the 2/9/18 workshop.*
- Diversity and General Education: Thursday, 3/8/18 2:30-4pm, Location TBD | Register here for the 3/8/18 workshop.*
- Creating Learning Experiences: Thursday, 4/26/18 2:30-4pm, Location TBD | Registration for the 4/26/18 workshop will be available later in the Sp18 semester.

*Registration for these workshops is requested, but not required.
General Instructions for the Expedited Diversity Course Review Process

To complete the proposal submission

Proposers should prepare:

◦ Form EP-U (US diversity) or EP-G (Global diversity)
◦ A revised course syllabus (please see the forms for instructions on the syllabus)
◦ Any additional materials (e.g. sample assignments or class discussion prompts) that proposers may wish to include.

Email the full proposal submission (with a cc’ to department head) to gened@umass.edu