Certificate in Multicultural Studies

The College of Arts and Sciences offers a Certificate in Multicultural Studies. Students earning the certificate will become familiar with multicultural and diversity issues. In an increasingly global environment, students earning this certificate will be better prepared to understand and to facilitate cross-cultural interactions in their future careers, as well as in their general life experiences.

Requirements

Students are required to complete a coherent program of 15 credit hours from a list of approved courses*. Approved courses for the certificate critically evaluate and examine issues of social inequality and social stratification (e.g., gender, race, ethnicity, religion, region, sexuality, and/or class inequality) globally and in the United States. Courses must be chosen from at least 2 different departments/programs. At least 6 credits must be completed at the 3000 level or above. One course (up to 3 credit hours minimum and 6 credit hours maximum) may include an applied experience of cultural difference*. Approved research-based undergraduate courses, transcripted Study Abroad and other experiences approved through the Center for International Programs and Studies, and transcript-designated “Service Learning” coursework are among the possibilities. Only coursework in foreign languages that is numbered above 2100 is applicable, and the maximum number of such credit hours is 6. A grade of C- or higher must be earned in each course, and students must maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.0 for overall coursework counting towards the certificate. Consistent with MU policy on certificates, an undergraduate degree and certificate must be awarded simultaneously.

* Contact the Multicultural Certificate Program office, 58 McReynolds, for full details and an updated course list, or go to http://multicultural.missouri.edu/