

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES
Guidelines for a class to count as a Culture Studies course

In requiring two courses in Culture Studies of all undergraduate majors, it is the intent of the Arts and Sciences faculty to ensure that students are introduced to a cultural system different from that of mainstream America. Courses which are proposed as satisfying this requirement should convey the distinctive world view, the institutions, and patterns of organization of another culture from the perspective of that culture. Such courses should not be restricted to a chronology of events in the life of that culture, or to only one aspect of its traditions or institutions. The course should instead teach the relationships among some of the following aspects of the culture: art, religion, literature, philosophic traditions, social behavior and institutions, and linkages with other cultures.

A course on one specific aspect of a culture - for example, its art or political institutions - could be considered to fulfill the requirement only if it devoted a substantial amount of time in readings and class discussions to the relationships between that specific aspect and the culture more generally. The emphasis on such relationships should differentiate culture courses from the other course offerings of a department. For example, an allowable course might have a broad conceptual focus within a narrow geographical and temporal setting (such as the intellectual and aesthetic traditions of Russia under Catherine the Great) or a narrow conceptual focus across a broad geographical and temporal setting (such as the political institutions of tribal Africa in the pre-colonial period).

Whether the conceptual focus of the course is narrow or broad, the course will be examined for evidence of an integrated approach to the culture. In other words, the culture course should not be so restricted to narrow themes or so specialized temporally, spatially, or conceptually that it is inconsistent with the general goals of the Culture Studies requirement.

Courses can only be evaluated for Culture Studies credit after they have been completed. Since courses fulfill the Culture Studies requirement because of their academic content and approach, it is necessary for the Academic Assistant Deans to evaluate the focus of instruction and materials actually used in the course(s) you wish to have counted toward fulfillment of the Culture Studies requirement.

Please note the following two conditions:

- **Only College of Arts and Sciences students may request this review, as Culture Studies is a College requirement. Thus, students must wait until they have certified, changed schools or transferred to the College before submitting this request.**

- **Only courses belonging to disciplines inside the College of Arts and Sciences can be considered for Culture Studies credit. Thus, no courses from another school (e.g. BUS, EDUC, HPER, SPEA, JOUR, etc.) can be considered.**

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Request for a class to count as a **Culture Studies** course

Name: _____

10-digit ID Number: _____ Major: _____

Local Address: _____

Local Phone Number: _____ E-mail Address: _____

How would you like to be notified of the dean's decision? Please circle one: Mail / E-mail

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Course Title: _____

Department: _____ Course: _____ Class #: _____ Semester: _____

College/University at which the course was taken: _____

For courses taken at Indiana University Bloomington:

I support the above named student's request for Culture Studies credit (CSA or CSB, please circle one).

Instructor's Signature Instructor's Name (please print) Date

The following items **must** be submitted with this form for review by the dean:

- Course description
- Syllabus
- List of assignments
- Reading list
- Exams & quizzes (with professor's questions and your answers)
- Papers with professor's comments and grade(s)
- Any and all handouts for the course
- Student statement: rationale for counting this course as Culture Studies. How does it match the guidelines on the reverse side of this form?

You will normally be contacted with a decision regarding your request for Culture Studies credit within 10 working days of our receiving all required materials.

**Please return completed form and materials listed above to the
College of Arts and Sciences Academic Assistant Deans' Office, Kirkwood Hall 012 or
College of Arts and Sciences Recorder's Office, Kirkwood Hall 001
130 South Woodlawn Ave., Bloomington, IN 47405**

Approved: _____ CSA: _____ CSB: _____ Denied: _____

Dean's signature: _____ Date: _____