Cultures: U.S. Diversity

The United States is a nation that has been, and is increasingly becoming, one composed of people from many different backgrounds. Few nations have been faced with the challenges and opportunities of incorporating so many diverse groups of people. Members of such a nation and its societies need to be able to understand how diversity may affect their own individual identities as well as their relationships with people in their social and political communities.

Knowledge Student Learning Outcomes

Students will:

1. Explain historical trajectories and consequences, worldviews, languages, and/or ways of life of diverse cultures within the United States.
2. Explain how social constructions of ethnicity/race and at least one of the following social attributes shape group and individual identities: gender, class, abilities, age sexual orientation, religion, or common history.

Skills Student Learning Outcome 1 (choose one of the following):

Graduates are proficient in:

a) Written Communication: Write effectively for multiple purposes and audiences; or
b) Information Literacy: Identify the need for information; access, evaluate, and use information effectively, ethically, and legally.

Skills Student Learning Outcome 2 (choose one of the following):

Graduates are proficient in:

a) Oral Communication: Effectively prepare and deliver a formal oral presentation. *{Students must give individual formal presentations; group presentations are acceptable if every student presents};* or
b) Ethical Reasoning: Apply ethical principles and codes of conduct to decision making.