

University of Rhode Island

Faculty Senate

University College and General Education Committee

Report #2004-05-1

Diversity Overlay

The University College and General Education Committee considered matters related to the Diversity Overlay and agreed that further clarification was necessary. The UCGE committee agreed that only one course in a foreign language may be applied to the diversity overlay to ensure that students who take foreign language have the opportunity to take courses that examine the role of difference within as well as outside national boundaries. The Committee therefore recommends that existing section **8.20.24** of the University Manual be amended to read as follows. (Changes are in ***boldface italics***):

Proposed Section 8.20.24

8.20.24 *To ensure that students are exposed to courses that include a multicultural or diversity requirement*, two of the courses taken as part of a student's general education program must ***include the examining human differences skill***. ***These two courses shall*** be selected from courses designated by a "D." ***Only one course in a foreign language may be applied to the diversity overlay***. This overlay does not increase the number of credits required in the general education program.

Existing section 820.24

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