MULTICULTURAL
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS
(Please read before seeing an advisor)

May I transfer units taken at CSUDH or other colleges into the program?

Students in the credential program at CSUDH and others may transfer up to nine units toward the 30-unit M.A. requirement. Dominguez Hills credential students may count such courses as TED 402, Educational Psychology, TED 405, Mainstreaming Children with Special Needs, TED 403, Elementary Reading, or TED 406, Content Related Reading/Writing in Secondary Schools and TED 407, Language Learning. Nine units selected from among these are the usual courses accepted as electives toward the 30-unit requirement, subject to approval of the faculty of the Multicultural program. **A maximum of nine units of 400 level coursework may count toward the M.A. degree requirements.** Classes taken at CSUDH as an undergraduate can only be used toward the M.A degree if appropriate paperwork was completed at the time such courses were taken (maximum of 6 units may be used).

Students having post-baccalaureate course work taken at other institutions should bring transcripts and catalog descriptions to their initial meeting with Multicultural advisor who will assess if such course work may count toward the 30-unit M.A. requirement. In general, these courses should be the equivalent of CSUDH courses at the 400 or 500 levels. If coursework is taken at an accredited institution and counts toward an M.A. in education at that institution, it is likely to count toward the Multicultural M.A. option. No class can be used toward 2 degrees. It is **essential** that students consult with a Multicultural advisor prior to signing up for courses that they wish to count toward the 30-unit M.A. requirement. Courses not authorized by Multicultural faculty may be disqualified as meeting the program requirements.

Should I take the required courses in any particular order?

No, there is no particular order for completing the courses required for the Multicultural Option.

**Please note that no courses completed over seven years prior to the date of graduation may count toward the M.A. unit requirement in Multicultural**

Are there prerequisites for admission to the program?

All students must pass the Graduate Writing Assessment Requirement (GWAR) or its equivalent. Students graduating from any California State University, except CSUDH, beginning in 1985 may petition with the CSUDH Testing Office to validate equivalency. **Please note:** The Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement and Graduation Writing Examination (GWE) Handbook is available online and can be downloaded. The website is: http://www.csudh.edu/oir/testing/index.htm. Students must check with the department office regarding the completion of the GWAR before the end of their first semester. Students who do not meet the GWE prerequisite should address this deficiency by the end of their first semester in the Multicultural program.
May I skip a semester without consequences to my graduate standing?

Students wishing to skip a semester of formal course work will need to enroll in GED 600S, Graduation Continuation, which allows continuous enrollment in the university and access to the library and other services. Discontinuing enrollment for a semester (not a summer session) will require students to re-enroll in the university and could delay graduation. It is imperative that students have a catalog as soon as they apply to the Multicultural program. The catalog identifies the rights and responsibilities of students as well as program information. Students also need a schedule of classes every semester. University catalogs are available online or in hard copy at the CSUDH Bookstore. Class schedules are available on the web at the CSUDH Home Page (www.csudh.edu). Electronic versions of the class schedules and catalogs are free of charge. Failure to meet deadlines or program requirements because students were unaware of such information presented in the catalog and schedule of classes will not be accepted as excuses for failure to meet requirements.

When should I apply to the Multicultural program?

The brief answer is “as early as possible.” The reason for this is that students may only bring nine units into the Multicultural program taken when students were not “in residence” (prior to acceptance into the program).

*This document is unofficial. Students should consult CSUDH catalog for the most recent official statement and university regulations and policies.

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