

Frequently Asked Questions
About the CASL Diversity Requirement

Following are Frequently Asked Questions about one of the new undergraduate learning initiatives in the College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters. The information is provided for students, faculty, and advisors. It will be updated as needed as the list changes.

Who does this requirement apply to? Does it affect all UM-Dearborn students?

No. It applies to students enrolled as CASL students.

Will it apply to transfer students? If so, starting when?

The Diversity Requirement applies to all CASL students admitted for Fall 2004 and thereafter—both transfers and new freshmen.

If I take a course to fulfill another requirement (such as a Letters or History distribution requirement), can I count it for the Diversity Requirement too?

Yes, as long as the course qualifies as a Diversity course. Diversity courses can “double count.”

If a student transfers in a course equivalent to a UM-D course carrying Diversity approval, has the student fulfilled the Diversity Requirement?

Normally, no. CASL Executive Committee has determined that “the requirement will normally be fulfilled by taking an approved course on this campus.” There are many approved courses, and students may count individual Diversity courses for other purposes, so it is reasonable to expect even transfer students to be able to fulfill this requirement at UM-Dearborn. Approval for Diversity Courses was granted on the basis of a thorough application process that considered a written rationale, syllabus, and determination of specific kinds of diversity content—information that is not as readily available for courses offered elsewhere.

How will students know which courses have been approved to fulfill the Diversity Requirement?

The list of approved Diversity Courses is posted on the CASL website. In addition, approved courses are marked as fulfilling the Diversity Requirement in the Comments section for that course in the Schedule of Classes.

Where can I get further information?

Contact the CASL Records and Advising Office.