diversity infusion to faculty, staff, students, and the community through published data reports. The classification system recognizes the significance of multicultural content and multicultural perspectives. Students benefit from multicultural content as well as perspectives. A course that is not high in multicultural content (60% or more) may promote multicultural literacy through multicultural perspectives; that is, its approach to teaching strategies, interactions, and assessment promotes an awareness and appreciation of diversity.

Definitions

Multicultural Content (MC): courses with 60% of the content multicultural (U.S. or international.)

Multicultural Perspective (MP): courses using a variety of strategies to encourage multicultural literacy, including content, instructional strategies, assessment, and classroom interactions. (When this is the only classification noted, the content is less than 60%).

Correspondence Studies

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Correspondence study is another option for students to earn college credit. When circumstances such as family, jobs, business travel, etc. compete for time, and students find that it is difficult to schedule their on-campus classes, correspondence study offers a solution. Courses are offered through various disciplines such as art, humanities, science, health-related fields, mathematics, psychology, modern languages, and sociology. Courses are frequently revised, so students are encouraged to contact the Office of Correspondence Studies for the most current list of course offerings or visit the office’s website.

Students may enroll in courses at any time of the year and take up to nine months to complete them. A three-month enrollment extension is available for a nominal fee. Instruction is provided by means of a study guide and textbooks, and when appropriate, may include CD-ROMs, videos, audiocassettes, and additional reference and instructional material. Many courses accommodate e-mail submission of assignments, and some courses are now available online.

How Correspondence Study Works. The study guide or course website used in each course gives students step-by-step instructions for completing the lessons required for the course and includes study tips, topic discussions, assignments, and other pertinent course information. Students must complete each lesson and submit the accompanying assignment to the instructor through the Office of Correspondence Studies for grading. The instructor provides written feedback on assignments when necessary and answers questions that students may have. Assignments are then returned to the student. Almost all courses have examinations, and many may have two or three. All examinations must either be administered in the Office of Correspondence Studies or, for those students who live outside the area, administered by an approved exam proctor.

General Regulations. The following regulations govern correspondence study at Texas State:

1. Students do not have to be currently enrolled or admitted to a college or university to take a correspondence course.
2. Enrollment in a correspondence course does not constitute official admission to Texas State.
3. Texas residents or persons attending public colleges or universities in Texas are subject to compliance with Texas Success Initiative Program regulations.
4. Texas State juniors and seniors must obtain approval from an academic advisor in their college before they may enroll in a correspondence course. Students from other colleges and universities are advised to obtain approval from the appropriate university official of their home institution before enrolling.
5. Texas State correspondence courses are applicable toward Texas State degrees. A maximum of 18 hours of correspondence credit may be applied toward a bachelor’s degree.
6. All assignments and exams must be completed to receive credit. The grading criteria for each course are stated in the course study guide.
7. Correspondence course grades are calculated into students’ Texas State GPA and included in the review for graduation with honors and for Dean’s List.
8. Students may enroll in a correspondence course at any time during the year and take up to nine months to complete it. A one-time extension of three months is allowed for a nominal fee. No enrollment may go beyond twelve months from the original enrollment date.
9. A minimum of four weeks must be allowed after a course has been completed for a grade to be reported to the Texas State Registrar.
10. Students on active suspension from Texas State are not eligible to enroll in correspondence courses.
11. If enrollment in correspondence courses creates an academic overload, students must have prior, written approval of their college dean or department chair/school director.
12. Correspondence courses completed through Texas State are applicable toward residency requirements.

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Texas State’s Office of Extension Studies serves those persons who are unable to come to campus and who wish to earn degree credit, as well as those who wish to pursue in-service training, or to enroll in college courses not normally offered through the academic departments/schools. Extension courses are offered on campus and at various off-campus locations. The times and locations for such courses depend on student need, faculty availability, and demand. In the past, courses have been offered in San Antonio at USAA, in
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The Office of Study Abroad Programs offers students the opportunity to participate in a variety of study abroad programs at locations around the world. The credit students earn may be applied toward a degree at Texas State. Some of these programs involve direct enrollment in an overseas institution, while other programs are led by Texas State faculty.

Through Texas State Study Abroad Programs, students can spend from three weeks to a full academic year in another country either by learning another language, by concentrating their studies related to a specific topic in their field of study, or by participating in an internship. Texas State Study Abroad Programs include a variety of activities that allow students to learn and experience the culture of the host country. In some of these programs students have the opportunity to live with a host family to become totally immersed in the culture of the host country for a more comprehensive learning experience.

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Financial Assistance for Study Abroad Programs. Most of the financial aid that students would normally receive for studying at Texas State may be applied toward Texas State Study Abroad Programs. Additionally, there are many schools and study-abroad providers that offer financial aid for attending their programs. If a student is on federal or state financial aid, it is recommended that the student speak with a representative of the Texas State Office of Financial Aid to determine the application of such aid to any study-abroad program and the possible adjustment to meet the student’s needs.

The Office of Study Abroad Programs also has information on scholarships that are available to students who want to study abroad. At Texas State, students are also eligible for the International Education Fee Scholarship (IEFS). This scholarship program is funded through the student service fee account. The scholarships are distributed in a competition open to all undergraduate and graduate Texas State students, including international students, who meet the established eligibility requirements.

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