

World Cultures Criteria

Departments that desire to have courses fulfill the World Cultures requirement should submit a statement addressing the following criteria.

1. The course must be a General Education course.
2. The course will be reevaluated for the World Cultures designation on the same time schedule that courses appear for revalidation as GER courses.
3. The course should consist of a minimum of three (3) credits.
4. Requirements for World Cultures courses are very liberal, so as to allow students a variety of options. Such courses could include, but not be limited to providing:
 - a. an awareness of cultures;
 - b. an awareness of foreign languages;
 - c. a spirit of international understanding;
 - d. an understanding of cultural systems other than their own;
 - e. a discussion of multi-cultural issues, or;
 - f. an opportunity to learn about race, gender, or ethnicity issues.

Courses may be considered, at any time, for the World Cultures designation.

General Education Requirements Committee Action

Approved Approved Provisionally (see memo) Not Approved

Committee Signature: _____ Date: _____

Registrar's Office
Signature: _____ Date: _____

Returned to (Dept.): _____ Date: _____

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General Education Goals Evaluation

Directions to students for Completing Evaluation Form

*This course currently satisfies one component of your General Education Requirements for graduation. To assess how well this course satisfies UND's philosophy and goals of General Education, please respond to the following statements or a **selection** of statements indicated by your instructor. Your evaluation will enable future improvement of this course and guide teaching of cross-disciplinary abilities across all of UND's programs. Because this purpose is very important, please answer each selected statement thoughtfully and honestly.*

A. Complete the **Identification** # field (bottom left of form) with a *unique number*. Since individual responses will NOT be collected (only total responses), your NAID# is best.

B. Respond (1 = strongly agree to 5 = strongly disagree) to **selected** statements indicated by your instructor. *Be sure to code your responses under their proper numbers.*

GER Assessment Statements that are included with the standardized Student Evaluation Form:

1. The course improved my oral and/or written communication skills.
2. The course challenged me to think creatively and/or critically.
3. The course assisted me in understanding how to make informed choices.
4. The course helped me appreciate how conclusions are reached in the natural sciences, social sciences, or arts and humanities.
5. The course helped me recognize or conceptualize connections between ideas, events or knowledge areas.
6. The course improved my familiarity with cultures other than my own.

General Education Requirement Validation

Following are examples of possible evaluation forms for your General Education Requirement courses. Please modify these samples (or make your own student evaluation form) to fit your own courses. These or one other set of assessments must be completed by the students and the results forwarded with the revalidation application.

**General Education Requirement Validation
Sample Assessment Form #1**

1. Did this course instruct you effectively in communication (either oral or written)?
 - a. yes
 - b. somewhat
 - c. not much
 - d. no
 - e. does not apply

2. Did this course instruct you in thinking critically or creatively?
 - a. yes
 - b. somewhat
 - c. not much
 - d. no
 - e. does not apply

3. Did this course instruct you in making informed choices?
 - a. yes
 - b. somewhat
 - c. not much
 - d. no
 - e. does not apply

4. Did this course help you to understand how conclusions are reached in the natural sciences, or the social sciences, or the arts and humanities?
 - a. yes
 - b. somewhat
 - c. not much
 - d. no
 - e. does not apply

5. Did this course help you to acquire information over a broad spectrum of subject areas?
 - a. yes
 - b. somewhat
 - c. not much
 - d. no
 - e. does not apply

6. Did this course give you familiarity with cultures other than your own?
 - a. yes
 - b. somewhat
 - c. not much
 - d. no
 - e. does not apply

7. Please add any further comments you may have regarding these questions.

**General Education Requirement Validation
Sample Assessment Form #2**

1. In this course, to what degree and how have you learned to communicate with others?

2. In this course, to what degree and how have you learned to think critically and/or creatively?

3. In this course, to what degree and how have you learned to make informed choices?

4. In this course, to what degree and how have you learned to understand how conclusions are reached in the natural sciences, the social sciences, or the arts and humanities?

5. In this course, to what degree and how have you learned to acquire information over a broad spectrum of subject areas?

6. In this course, to what degree and how have you learned an awareness and understanding of other cultures?

7. Please add any further comments you may have regarding these questions.