

**Common Curriculum Proficiency & Experience
Approved Program or Organization Proposal
Human Diversity**

To propose an approved program or organization for a Common Curriculum Proficiency & Experience component, complete this form, attach relevant documents, and submit to the [online proposal system](#).

Students may apply to fulfill the Human Diversity requirement through a co-curricular activity. These criteria apply to experiences that meet the Human Diversity curricular requirement and describe the characteristics of the experience, the steps a student must follow to petition the experience for approval, and the number and types of assignments students must submit to satisfy the requirement.

Program or Organization Title: _____

Proposal Date: _____ **Proposed by:** _____

Department Authorization: *By signing this form, the department agrees to offer the approved program or organization regularly.*

Name of Department/Unit Head: _____

Signature of Dept./Unit Head: _____

Name of Sponsor: _____

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Mission of General Education:

The essence of Southern Methodist University’s educational philosophy is that intellectual and professional excellence rises from the solid foundation of a liberal arts education. Most importantly, general education should provide an intellectual foundation consisting of the broad outlines of human knowledge, providing a context for discipline specific study, and a framework for a future of lifelong learning. In light of these considerations, an ideal general education course is one which builds a broad, context-rich framework in its content area. To the extent possible, it should transcend departmental boundaries, connecting to ideas in related fields, and relevant social and ethical questions.

Common Curriculum Goals:

- The Common Curriculum will prepare students to be informed, ethical, and engaged citizens.
- The Common Curriculum will prepare students to think critically across domains.
- The Common Curriculum will prepare students to communicate clearly in writing and speaking.
- The Common Curriculum will provide students with the scientific, mathematical, and technological competence to navigate a changing world.
- The Common Curriculum will prepare students to understand, work, and live with people from different races, nationalities, religions, backgrounds, and experiences.

Please describe how the proposed program or organization supports this mission and these goals.

Student Learning Outcome: Students will demonstrate an understanding of human diversity and the systems of structural inequality that shape human experiences and behaviors.

Please describe how the proposed program or organization meets the Student Learning Outcome.

Experience Criteria #1: Students must obtain pre-approval for any activity used to satisfy this component. Approval must be obtained prior to the start of the activity.

Please describe how students will be selected and/or join the proposed program or organization.

Experience Criteria #2: Students must submit independent, third-party, verification of participation in the approved activity, by a supervisor or other authoritative individual, who is not a blood relation.

Please describe how the proposed organization or program will maintain/collect records and provide third-party supervision.

Experience Criteria #3: Activities in fulfillment of this requirement must comprise 15 hours of involvement with a clearly defined community that falls under one of the identities outlined in the supporting skills.

Please describe how the proposed program or organization plans to satisfy the experience criteria above.

Experience Criteria #4: Activities in fulfillment of this requirement must include mechanisms for third-party feedback about the quality of the participation in the activity.

Please describe how the proposed program or organization will maintain/collect records of third-party feedback about the quality of participation.

Experience Criteria #5: Students fulfilling Human Diversity through an activity must submit a written statement with the petition outlining what the activity is that the student is requesting in fulfillment of the requirement, how he or she anticipates the activity will fulfill the requirement, and what he or she expects to gain and learn from the experience.

Please describe how the proposed program or organization plans to satisfy the experience criteria above.

Experience Criteria #6: Students fulfilling Human Diversity through an activity must submit either samples of work completed during the course of the activity that demonstrate the required supporting skills or a written reflection of approximately 1000 words that responds to the given prompt.

How does the proposed program or organization plan to incorporate and collect student responses to the reflection prompt stated in the [Human Diversity Rubric](#)?

I certify that all information provided is accurate and that the proposed experience was vetted and approved by all relevant departmental and college/school committees. If my experience is approved, I hereby agree to abide by all requirements for the Common Curriculum, including abiding by all conditions set forth in a future memorandum of understanding developed with the Office of General Education. I further agree to notify the Office of General Education if any substantive changes are made to the experience. I agree to participate in the experience portfolio process for this activity every three years.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Proposer Signature: _____