Incorporating Multicultural Content into Your Teaching

Introduction

Infusing multicultural content into courses and curricula presents an important challenge for college and university campuses across the U.S. All students benefit from exposure to diverse cultures and perspectives, while those from traditionally underrepresented groups are supported when their special needs and contributions are recognized. This section provides resources for designing curricula, programs, and courses that incorporate multicultural content and acknowledge diverse student populations. The first few links deal with curriculum transformation; the following links focus on course content and syllabi.

General Resources

**Multicultural Curriculum Transformation** (Northern Illinois University)
Definitions, rationale, and phases involved in transforming a curriculum to be “genuinely inclusive of all people.”
http://www.niu.edu/mct/about/index.shtml [1]

“Effective Multicultural Curriculum Transformation in “Advanced” Mathematics and “Hard” Sciences,” Christine Clark (University of Maryland, College Park).
Discusses the need for a multicultural curriculum in math and science, and gives examples of how this is being done in both pedagogy and content. Includes bibliography.

**Diversity Digest, Fall/Winter 2002: Curriculum Transformation.**
Online articles in this focused issue of Diversity Digest explore changes in curriculum and course content at several universities that infuse diversity throughout the curriculum or the general education program.

**Center for Curriculum Transformation** (University of Washington, College of Arts and Sciences).
Dedicated to helping faculty develop courses and curricula that include the study of diverse populations and cultures, this site provides guidelines for course transformation and for departmental review of diversity issues in their curriculum.

**Multicultural Teaching & Learning Resources** (University of Minnesota, Center for Teaching and Learning).
This inclusive site offers a wide array of online materials and links to relevant sites for understanding and dealing effectively with diversity in the classroom and throughout campus. Includes materials on designing courses that honor
diversity and provide multicultural content.
http://cei.umn.edu/ [5]

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Office for Inclusion and Intercultural Initiatives

Resource Center for Persons with Disabilities
http://www.rcpd.msu.edu/Home [7]

Web Accessibility
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Office of Accessibility and Usability
http://usability.msu.edu/ [9]

Women's Resource Center
http://wrc.msu.edu/ [10]

Office of Study Abroad

Office of International Studies and Programs
http://www.isp.msu.edu/ [12]

Library Electronic Resources: Ethnic Studies and Gender Studies
http://libguides.lib.msu.edu/az.php?cat=0&type=All&Subject=Gender%20Studies [14]

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