

**Resolution 030**  
**A Resolution to Encourage an Addition of a Diversity Requirement to the  
General Education Curriculum**  
**Sponsored by: Senator Koffa**  
**Co-Sponsored by: Senator Harrington, Senator Hagerty, and Senator  
Giangiordano**

***Whereas,***

Students' curriculum requirements should not be an impediment on their pursuit of a degree.

***Whereas,***

Currently there are students who have difficulty fulfilling the language requirement through the intermediate level.

***Whereas,***

There should be more interdisciplinary requirements to allow for more flexibility in garnering minors and double majors.

***Whereas,***

A student that has been exposed to a variety of cultures and situations is both better prepared for their post-graduation endeavors and more marketable for said endeavors.

***Whereas,***

The University's mission states "The Catholic University of America seeks to discover and impart the truth through excellence in teaching and research, all in service to the Church, the nation, and the world."

***Whereas,***

The core curriculum should help illuminate the key questions of human existence relating to life's purpose and meaning.

***Whereas,***

There is currently a committee assessing the general education curriculum and, as a part of this assessment, it is considering the distribution requirements that students must fulfill.

***Be it enacted that,***

The Student Government Association Senate, acting in their official capacity as representatives of the student body of The Catholic University of America, hereby request the replacement, for all relevant majors, of the current language requirement, which entails completion of an intermediate level of a language, with a diversity curriculum requirement outlined as follows:

1. A nine credit, three class, requirement that may be fulfilled by interdisciplinary coursework.
2. Classes that qualify would provide students with the opportunity to be exposed to a broader spectrum of cross-cultural experiences.

3. The classes that would fulfill this requirement would reflect a wide range of cultures, traditions, and religions to explore and stimulate critical reflection on theoretical, methodological, or ethical issues involved with cultural differences that are stemmed in sex, religion, race, ethnicity, disabilities, and others to encourage students to think about the underlying differences between such.
4. This requirement would offer students the opportunity to develop a deeper understanding of cultural identity and cultural difference as well as give them the opportunity to develop and understand the perspectives of others.
5. Each student would fulfill this requirement to build a strong foundation of the Catholic commitment of one human family beyond any distinctions upon which the Catholic University of America prides itself.

Agreed to by a vote of \_\_\_\_\_ yeas to \_\_\_\_\_ nays on this date: \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_ abstaining and \_\_\_\_\_ not present.

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