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# GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

## MULTICULTURAL LITERATURE

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The 12 semester hour Graduate Certificate in Multicultural Literature offers continuing education for post-baccalaureate and post-MA teachers, professionals, and potential graduate degree students in literatures from diverse ethnic and cultural groups that may have been excluded from mainstream literary studies. Coursework is interdisciplinary, with emphases on genre, historical context, and critical methodologies, and a focus on ethnic American and world literatures written in English.

Completion of the certificate requires completion of approved coursework with an overall grade point average of 3.0 (B). A student may earn only 3 s.h. of credit at a C level. (A second C will result in termination of the certificate program.) Transfer hours are not accepted into the certificate program. This certificate is offered only online. No face-to-face meetings are required. Under normal circumstances, it should be possible to complete the certificate in approximately 12 to 18 months.

### **Coursework:**

Two required courses (6 s.h.): ENGL 6340 Ethnic American Literature & ENGL 6360 World Literature Written in English

The remaining two courses (6 s.h.) are to be selected from the following:

ENGL 5360 Studies in African American Literature  
ENGL 6330 Studies in Hispanic American Literature  
ENGL 6350 Studies in Native American Literature  
ENGL 7365 Multicultural Literature (Special Topics)  
ENGL 6370 Caribbean Literature

Other special topics graduate courses in related areas may be approved on an individual basis.

The certificate can be a pathway to a Masters Degree at ECU, such as the Masters Degree in English with a concentration in Multicultural Literature. However, please note that completion of the certificate does not guarantee admission into a graduate degree program. Application to the graduate degree program must be made separately. If all 12 s.h. of certificate credits are to count towards a graduate degree at ECU, application to the degree program must be made before half of the certificate hours (6 s.h.) have been completed. A maximum of 9 non-degree s.h. can be applied toward a graduate degree.

Full-time graduate students in residence at ECU may not take online certificate courses to meet their degree requirements. Part-time or off-campus graduate students must obtain permission from the program coordinators.

### **Admission:**

Applicants must meet ECU admission requirements: an earned baccalaureate degree or its equivalent from an accredited college or university with a grade point average of 2.50 or above and acceptable scores on an approved standardized exam such as the GRE or MAT.

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