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Frequently Asked Questions about Taking Dual Enrollment College Classes Ethnic Studies 215, Fall 2016

What is the cost involved in enrolling in this course?

There is no cost involved. This is a partnership between CSULB and LBUSD all costs have been taken care of by these two institutions, including the books.

Where will the Ethnic Classes be offered?

Each comprehensive high school (Cabrillo, Jordan, Lakewood, Millikan, Poly and Wilson), will offer up to two sections of the Ethnic Studies class. The maximum number of spaces available at each site will be 70 spaces.

Additional classes will be available for students that have already completed a previous Ethnic Studies class and wish to take additional ethnic specific courses. These advanced courses will be offered at sites that generate the most interest.

Do I have to attend the Ethnic Studies class at the school site that I am currently enrolled at?

No, you can attend another high school that may be closer to your home.

What if I do not attend one of the large high schools, can I still enroll in the class?

Yes, you can choose to attend the Ethnic Studies class at your residence high school.

What if there are more than 70 students that sign up to take the class at the site that I plan to take the course?

If there are more than 70 students interested in taking the course at one site, students will be randomly selected from the list of registered students. Remaining students will be placed on a waiting list or offered a space at another school that has open seats.

Will I receive high school and college credits when I complete this course?

Yes, you will have a college transcript upon completing this course. You can then request that the course be added to your high school transcript.

How many credits will I earn for taking this course?

You will receive 10 high school credits for a college course that is 3 or more college units.

What type of credit will I earn for this course?

Elective high school credit will be issued for this course. This course may also be used to fulfill “a-g” credits for college entrance requirements, usually the “g” requirement. The type of college credit that will be earned will be determined by the university and the student’s major requirements.

Will the grade that I earned from this CSULB course be automatically added to my high school transcript?

No, due to FERPA requirements, Cal State Long Beach cannot release your final grades to LBUSD. Therefore, once you have your grade posted to your CSULB transcript, you will need to bring that into your high school’s Counseling office to have it added to your high school transcript.

What is FERPA and how does it affect me?

FERPA is the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act. This requires that CSULB, including their professors, only release information directly to enrolled students. All college coursework is governed by FERPA, which prohibits release of academic information. Students that are taking this college class will be treated as college students. This means that information related to grades and attendance can only be provided to students. While parents are accustomed to receiving information on their student's progress and attendance, this will not be the case with this college course. Professors may provide general course information to parents, but student specific information will only be given directly to students.

How will this class affect my high school and college GPA?

If you request this course be added to your high school transcript it will be averaged in with all of your other high school grades. When applying to California state colleges (CSU and UC's), the college application will ask if you have taken any college classes, if so, the grades earned in college classes are considered "honors" and awarded an extra grade point, like AP classes. Private universities may also award the additional grade point, but it is at their discretion.

Since this is a college class, the grade that you earn will be included in your overall college GPA. Therefore it is very important that you do well in this class, so that you maintain a high college GPA from the very start.

What are the days of this class?

All classes will be held on Saturdays, beginning on September 10th and ending on December 17th, 2016.

What are the hours for the class?

All classes will be held from 9am-12pm.

If there is enough interest to offer the courses in the afternoon on Saturday or during the week, we will consider offering the courses at those alternative times. However, we must have enough student interest in order to offer these additional time options.

Can I take this class for Credit/No Credit?

No, the course is only offered as a letter grade (A-F).

What is the last day that I can drop the class?

The last day to withdraw without penalty is September 19th. This means that there will be no grade or mark reported on your CSULB transcript. If you do not officially withdraw from the course but stop attending you will earn an "F" on your transcript.

How do I officially enroll in this CSULB Ethnic Studies class?

Once you have been invited to attend the orientation and attend the orientation, you will be given a website link to the CSULB registration form that you must complete. Once you have completed that form, then you are officially enrolled in the CSULB class.

How will I know what classroom to attend on the first day of class?

After all of the student selections are complete an email will be sent to both the student email and parent email listed on the application. The email will include that name of the assigned professor and the classroom assigned. If you are not selected for the class, you will also be notified by email.

If there are any additional questions that you may have that were not addressed in this FAQ's, please feel free to contact me at cortega@lbschools.net.