As individual and national destinies become progressively more interconnected, the ability to survive and succeed is increasingly linked to the development of a more pluralistic, diverse and globally-aware populace. Two courses from the list available at icd.tamu.edu are to be taken by the student. If a course listed also satisfies a Core Curriculum requirement, it can be used to satisfy both requirements if the student wished to do so. (Texas A&M University Undergraduate Catalog 137)

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“30 percent/50 year rule” – The practice that developed grew out of the spirit of the requirement, which was to better prepare Aggies to be citizens of an increasingly diverse Texas and the world. That was interpreted as being citizens now. So courses dealing with ancient cultural issues were viewed as not necessarily working towards this “now” goal. From there was born the idea that a third of the content ought to be contemporary (i.e. affecting the present), and that was the yardstick which we applied for many of the courses that currently are listed as satisfying the ICD requirement.