



MVLA Board Meeting: January 9, 2023

Graduation Requirements

Information Item:

Ethnic Studies (16.2)

Objectives:

- Review current graduation requirements
- Discuss changes and challenges
 - Ethnic Studies (16.2)
- Review options for updates MVLA graduation requirements

MVLA Current Graduation Requirements

MVLA:

- Social Studies: 35 C
 - World Studies: 10 C
 - Global Studies: 5 C (*MVLA requirement*)
 - U.S. History: 10 C
 - Civics: 5 C
 - Economics: 5 C
- English: 40 C
- Mathematics: 20 C (*Must include Algebra I or higher*)
- Science: 20 C: (*1 year each from life & physical sciences*)
- World Language/Visual Arts/Performing Arts/Practical Arts: 20 C
- Physical Education: 20 C
- Health Education: 5 C (*MVLA requirement*)
- Electives: 60 C

TOTAL 220 credits

Changes and Challenges Due to Ethnic Studies Requirement

Additional 10 graduation credits added for 'Ethnic Studies' starting with the class of **2026**

- Credits cannot be evenly exchanged
- Desire for Ethnic Studies to be year-long, not semester
- Desire to teach last freshmen year
- Ethnic Studies could lose impact if integrated
- Advocacy with State:

REQUEST:

LEAs to be able to determine which social studies classes can be used to meet the 3-year social studies requirement

- Keep total credits required to 220
- AB101: Increase scope of allowable exceptions

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Options and Impacts Considered

Current proposal: →

- Remove 5 credits of Global Studies
- Remove 5 elective credits
- Add a category called 'Ethnic Studies'; add 10 credits for that category.

Other Options Discussed:

- Semester of Ethnic Studies/Semester of Health
- Integrate Ethnic Studies into English Class
- Integrate Ethnic Studies into U.S. History Class
- Increase current options for health (*1st time in-seat, summer school, etc*)
- Eliminate Health class graduation requirement
- Require a full year of Health/Social-Emotional Learning and eliminate 10 credits of electives
- Require 7-class schedule for freshman

MVLA: NEW

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 - Ethnic Studies: 10C
 - World Studies: 10 C
 - U.S. History: 10 C
 - Civics: 5 C
 - Economics: 5 C
- English: 40 C
- Mathematics: 20 C (*Must include Algebra I +*)
- Science 20 C: (*1 year each from life & physical sciences*)
- World Language/VAPA/CTE: 20 C
- Physical Education: 20 C
- Health Education: 5 C
- Electives: 55 C
- TOTAL 220 credits**

Next Steps

- Continue to discuss item with educational partners
- Bring Final Recommendation for Action to January 23, 2023, board meeting

Thank you

