Petition for Race & Ethnicity Requirement Substitution

Name ____________________________________________________       ID __________________________
(PLEASE PRINT)

E-mail Address _____________________________________________      Date ________________________

Course* ___________________________________________       Department ______________________________

Institution ____________________________________ Term Elected **____________________________

*You may not combine courses; you must petition for a single course.
**You may not petition for a course you have not taken yet.  See note at bottom of page.

All students are required to complete a course (of 3 or more credits) which addresses issues arising from racial or ethnic intolerance and is not simply a course on diversity.

REQUIRED CRITERIA: Typically a course will have more than 50% of a combination of all of the following:

1. the meaning of race, ethnicity, and racism;
2. racial and ethnic intolerance and resulting inequality; and
3. comparisons of discrimination based on race, ethnicity, religion, social class, and/or gender.

Write a thoughtful argument to explain how the course you wish to use for R&E meets the above criteria. Arguments must be typed—hand-written petitions will not be accepted. You will have a better chance of getting your petition approved if you do all the following:

- Address all three of the criteria in detailed and explicit ways. Each of the criteria should be covered in multiple weeks of the course.
- Use explicit details from the course to show connections with the R&E criteria. For example, rather than saying, “We talked about discrimination,” use specific examples from readings and lectures to show how discrimination was presented and discussed.
- Demonstrate that you learned a significant amount about the issues listed in the criteria. You should be able to write in meaningful ways about what you learned from the course on a personal level and how your thinking and/or behavior has changed as a result.

Attach a copy of the course syllabus. Highlight the weeks that address the R&E criteria, and write the criteria number(s) 1, 2, and/or 3 next to each week, indicating which of the 3 required criteria listed above was/were covered that week.

You will be notified by e-mail when a decision regarding your petition has been reached.

Please Note:

- Courses considered for exceptions must carry a minimum of 3 semester credits.
- Your petition is not complete without the detailed syllabus to which you have added the highlighting and numbers described above.
- We generally do not consider petitions for courses that have not been taken yet. Exceptions are possible for graduating seniors who demonstrate a need to complete the requirement out of residence.