

For the purposes of the Culture Option requirement, “a foreign culture is defined as having non-English speaking origins. Anglo-American, English, Anglo-Irish, and Anglo-Australian cultures do not qualify, but Aboriginal Australian, Celtic, and African-American, Latino/a, and Asian American, for example, do to the degree that they are discrete from the Anglo-American tradition.” Refer to the Tufts [Bulletin](#) for further information regarding this requirement.

For courses not appearing in the list of approved courses, you must fill out this form. **Petitions submitted after April 15th will not be considered until the fall semester.** Seniors must submit all petitions before **December 5th** in order to be considered prior to graduation.

Search SIS Catalog

Before submitting a petition you must review the [SIS Catalog](#) to see if the course has already been approved, or if similar courses have been approved in the past. In order to search the catalog you will need to know the course title as it appears in the catalog. Please refer to directions below.

- For *Course Career* select “AS&E Undergrad”
- For *Course Attribute* select “LA Undergraduate Culture Req”
 - For *Attribute Value* select the appropriate Culture Area (e.g. “Native American Culture”)
- Select subject code to display or hide course information. Be sure to always select the box “EXPAND ALL” so that you see a complete list of courses approved.
- For courses not appearing in the list of approved courses, you must complete the petition and submit to the appropriate sub-chair.

Should you have questions regarding how to search for courses in the course catalog contact the Registrar at StudentServices@tufts.edu or 617-627-2000.

Browse Course Catalog

Course Career: AS&E Undergrad

Course Attribute: LA Undergraduate Culture Req | Attribute Value: Native American Culture

Course Subject Begins With: A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

Select subject code to display or hide course information.

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Course Nbr	Course Title	Typically Offered
0101	Native American Fine Art: Beauty And Meaning	Various Terms
0103	Native Americans And Museums: The Politics Of Representation	Various Terms
0185	Native American Issues	Various Terms

Complete and Submit Petition

1. Before completing the petition, confirm with the appropriate department that courses taken at other institutions have completed the transfer of credit process. Successful transfer must occur prior to submitting the petition.
2. Complete the petition beginning on page 2 of this form
3. Attach supporting documents to petition form
4. Submit completed petition form and all supporting documents as PDF by email to Laura Baffoni-Licata, Chair of the Culture Option subcommittee of the Academic Review Board. You may submit a hard copy to the chair at the address listed below.

Email: laura.baffoni-licata@tufts.edu

Address: Department of Romance Languages, Olin Center, 180 Packard Ave, Medford, MA 02155

5. Follow up with the subcommittee chair regarding the status of your petition
6. After your petition has been approved and signed, pick it up from the assigned contact person, then bring the approved petition to the Student Services Desk in Dowling Hall. It is imperative that your petition reach the Student Services Desk at Dowling Hall, since this is the official record of the approval of your petition. **Be sure to retain a copy of the approved petition for your records.*

7. If your petition is approved, check your official record on SIS to ensure that you have received credit. Contact the Registrar's Office at (617) 627-2000 if you do not see your credit within a week.

Culture Option Petition

Check the Culture Option Area:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> African and African–American Culture | <input type="checkbox"/> Italian Culture |
| <input type="checkbox"/> African Culture–Region of Origin | <input type="checkbox"/> Judaic Culture |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Classical Culture | <input type="checkbox"/> Middle Eastern Culture |
| <input type="checkbox"/> East Asian Cultures and Diasporas | <input type="checkbox"/> Native American Culture |
| <input type="checkbox"/> East Asian Culture–Region of Origin | <input type="checkbox"/> Russian Culture |
| <input type="checkbox"/> French Culture | <input type="checkbox"/> Sign Language/Deaf Culture |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Germanic Culture | <input type="checkbox"/> South and Southeast Asian Culture |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic Culture and Diasporas | <input type="checkbox"/> South and Southeast Asian Culture–Region of Origin |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic Culture–Region of Origin | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Please specify): _____ |

Name	Date
ID Number	Phone number
Class Year	Email address
Course Title	When taken (semester/year)
Department	Number/Section
Where taken (if not Tufts)	
<p>Explain why you think this course should count toward the Culture Option credit. <i>Note: Courses taken at another university must first be approved for transfer to Tufts by the appropriate department.</i></p>	

Required Documents:

Attach pertinent documentation to show the extent of the course content. If insufficient material is supplied, the Committee will not act on the petition.

- Attach a copy of the course description
- Attach a copy of the syllabus
- Attach a copy of selected assignments
- Attach a copy of the reading lists
- Attach an approval of transfer course

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- Approved for this student only
- Approved for this semester and year only
- Denied
- Approved in general (to be listed in Tufts Bulletin for classes only, including Tufts Programs Abroad)

Required Signature:

Culture Option Subcommittee Chair (signature)
Culture Option Subcommittee Chair (printed name)
Date
Comments

Please refer any questions to the Chair of the Culture Option Subcommittee of the ARB, Laura Baffoni-Licata, Department of Romance Languages, Olin Center -180 Packard Ave. Email: laura.baffoni-licata@tufts.edu