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MEMORANDUM

To: Scripps Students
From: Kelly Hogencamp, Registrar
Date: March 5, 2019
Re: Race & Ethnic Studies requirement

Earlier this spring, the Scripps Faculty approved revisions to the Race and Ethnic Studies requirement, which will expand the list of courses approved to meet the requirement. Notably, courses not solely focused on US populations may be considered. While the catalog language will be updated with the 2019-2020 Scripps Catalog, the new language is effective immediately.

The new language is as follows:

Given the systematic discrimination and exploitation of African Americans, Latinxs/Chicanxs, Native Americans, Asian Americans and Middle Eastern Americans that have figured so critically in the history of the United States and its territories, the Race and Ethnic Studies requirement provides the opportunity to study the histories, politics and cultures of people of African, Latinx, Asian, Middle Eastern and Indigenous descent. Courses must substantially examine the impact of racial construction on power relations and cultural identities of these groups within and/or beyond the US context.

Important:

- **All courses previously approved to meet this requirement still do so.**
- **This change is retroactive:** if you have taken a course that is subsequently approved, that course may be used to fulfill the requirement.
- **The approval process remains the same:** submit a completed [Race & Ethnic Studies Requirement Petition](#) (including supporting materials) to the Registrar's Office. We will forward it to the appropriate committee for consideration.

The Faculty Executive Committee asked Scripps Faculty to submit for approval any existing courses that fall under the new description. You can therefore reasonably expect to see courses added this semester to both the [Comprehensive List of Courses Approved to Meet the Race and Ethnic Studies Requirement](#) and listed under the SC Race & Ethnic St GE course area on the portal. Keep this in mind as you consider your class schedule for fall 2019.

If you have questions about this or any other academic policy, [contact my office](#).