CROSS-CULTURAL COMPONENT OF THE CORE CURRICULUM

A. Beginning with Fall 2007, all students admitted to the college will be required to satisfy the cross-cultural component of the core curriculum.

1. INTENTION
   a. The cross-cultural core curriculum requirement provides students with an opportunity to learn, serve, and lead within other cultures. Students encounter different cultures and come to understand how cultures interact. Students have a chance to experience curricular and co-curricular opportunities that challenge them to an increased cultural sensitivity and awareness as they develop competencies to serve Christ in a global society.

2. BASIC DESCRIPTION
   a. Cross-cultural experience (0 – 3 semester hours)
   b. Usually the experience will expose the student to life dynamics outside of the United States. The activity may be completed on a credit or a non-credit basis but must satisfy one of the options listed below. The experience must be of sufficient length and intensity to have adequate impact upon the world-view of the participant.

B. Note: Students who complete their cross-cultural core requirement through a non-credit experience must still satisfy the 124-semester-hour degree requirement.

C. Criteria to be considered in approving a Cross-Cultural Experience
   1. Geographic location (normally this will be outside the U.S.A. and Canada, but unique contexts within these countries may be considered)
   2. Exposure to different racial and ethnic context
   3. Exposure to different social and economic context
   4. Exposure to different language
   5. Recency (normally during college experience; but some experience immediately prior to college may be considered; life experience of international students and missionary family and service experience may apply)
   6. Length (minimum of five days in context)

D. Options For Satisfying The Core Curriculum Cross-Cultural Requirement
   1. Semester-long approved cross-cultural programs with which Asbury College
has an articulation agreement. The following programs meet this criterion:

- Australia Studies Program
- Chez Vous Summer Study in France
- China Studies Program
- Evangelical University of Bolivia
- Hong Kong Baptist University
- Jerusalem University College
- Latin American Studies Program
- Middle East Studies Program
- Murcia University (Spain)
- Russian Studies Program
- Semester in Spain
- Uganda Studies Program

2. Travel Programs Which Have Been Approved For Cross-Cultural Content

a. Participation in a cross-cultural travel course sponsored by an Asbury College faculty member or department. Recent examples are trips to France, Korea, Mexico, and Spain. Trips to Spain, France, Peru, and Turkey are anticipated for 2008.

3. Specific Asbury College Courses Which Satisfy This Requirement

a. Certain courses within majors or electives may be designed to satisfy this requirement.

4. Other Cross-Cultural Experiences

a. Participation in an approved non-Asbury program sponsored by a mission agency, a local church, or a denomination such as:
   - GO International
   - New Hope
   - OMS International
   - Salvation Army
   - WGM

b. Prior international experience through being an international student or having lived in a cross-cultural setting.
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ASBURY COLLEGE
Office of the Associate Academic Dean

PRELIMINARY INTENTION TO FULFILL THE CROSS-CULTURAL COMPONENT
OF THE CORE CURRICULUM

NAME (Please print): ____________________________________________

CLASSIFICATION: (circle one) FR SO JR SR

I intend to fulfill my cross-cultural requirement in the following way:

Please check one box:

☐ Semester-long approved cross-cultural programs with which Asbury College has an articulation agreement

☐ Travel program which has been approved for cross-cultural content

☐ Specific Asbury College courses which satisfy this requirement

☐ Participation in an approved non-Asbury program sponsored by a mission agency, a local church, or a denomination.

☐ Prior international experience through being an international student or having lived in a cross-cultural setting

☐ Other

Provide details regarding the option you have checked above such as name of program, specific course, sponsoring organization or faculty member, length of planned experience, location of planned experience (use reverse of this sheet if more space is needed).

I intend to do this during the ____________ fall/spring/summer semester 200______.

I intend to register for ________ semester hours of credit.

Student’s signature: ____________________________ Date: __________________

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