



Los Angeles Unified  
School District  
Human Resources

## **Multicultural Credit Guidelines**

In 1973 the Los Angeles Unified School District initiated a multicultural requirement to comply with State Education Code Sections 44560-44563 (formerly Article 3.3, Section 13344-13344.4). This law requires each school with a substantial population of students of diverse ethnic backgrounds to provide an in-service preparation program designed to prepare teachers and other professional school service personnel to understand and effectively relate to the history, culture, and current problems of these students and their environment. Based on the Education Code, a school is considered to have a substantial population of students of diverse ethnic backgrounds where 25 percent or more of all the students in the school are of diverse ethnic backgrounds.

The Multicultural Understanding requirement includes four semester units of general or specific coursework pertaining to minority groups.