

# Critical Cultural Competence, Certificate

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## Requirements

The undergraduate Certificate in Critical Cultural Competence requires 18 s.h. of coursework. Students must maintain a grade-point average of at least 2.00 in work for the certificate. Ideally, students begin the certificate during their second year of undergraduate study.

The certificate may be earned by any student admitted to the University of Iowa who is not enrolled in a UI graduate or professional degree program. Undergraduate to Graduate (U2G) students may earn the certificate when the undergraduate classification is primary.

The Certificate in Critical Cultural Competence requires the following coursework.

Course #	Title	Hours
CCCC:2220	Foundations of Critical Cultural Competence (taken first)	3
CCCC:4490	Integrative Seminar in Critical Cultural Competence	3
	One elective course with an immersion-learning or service-learning component	3
	Three elective courses that cover at least two diversity categories (two courses can be taken from the same department and two must be numbered 2000 or above)	9
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>18</b>

Students begin the certificate with CCCC:2220 Foundations of Critical Cultural Competence, which is offered fall and spring semesters and is a prerequisite to the coursework that follows. Students complete the certificate's requirements with the capstone course, CCCC:4490 Integrative Seminar in Critical Cultural Competence, which is offered in spring semesters.

In collaboration with the certificate program's coordinator, students establish study plans while completing the foundation course. The coordinator works with the student to ensure that the study plan complements the student's academic program and career interests.

For more information, students may contact the School of Social Work, their advisor, or the certificate coordinator to determine how the certificate would contribute to their degree.