



College of
Liberal Arts and Human Sciences



Diversity

Diversity at the College of Liberal Arts & Human Sciences

Definition of "Diversity," approved by unanimous vote of those present at the January 28, 2008, meeting of the Diversity Committee of the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences and corrected by unanimous vote of those present at the February 18, 2008, meeting of the Committee:

We, the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences Diversity Committee, use the term "diversity" to mean the desirability and value of many kinds of individual differences while at the same time acknowledging and respecting that socially constructed differences based on certain characteristics exist within systems of power that create and sustain inequality, hierarchy, and privilege.* The College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences is determined to eliminate these forms of inequality, hierarchy, and privilege in our programs and practices. In this sense, diversity is to be actively advanced because it fosters excellence in learning, discovery, and engagement.

* These characteristics include, but are not limited to ability, age, body size and condition, class, color, ethnicity, gender, gender expression, geographical and cultural background, health status, national origin, political affiliation, race, religion, sexual orientation, and veteran status.

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