**HLC Fact of the Day:**

**“HLC Assurance Argument: Subcomponent 3B4”**

**(with specific focus on “Diversity in the Curriculum”)**

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In the HLC Criteria for Accreditation, Subcomponent 3B4 says:

*The education offered by the institution recognizes the human and cultural diversity of the world in which students live and work*.

**In our Assurance Argument that has been submitted to HLC, and in support of the 3B4 standard, this is what we say regarding “Diversity in the Curriculum”:**

**Diversity in the Curriculum**

 Lindenwood’s commitment to preparing students for a multicultural society is demonstrated particularly through ILO 2.5 Diverse Perspectives: "Lindenwood graduates can apply diverse perspectives," defined as follows: "Diverse Perspectives is a habit of mind demonstrated by considering ethnicity, religion, culture, class, race, gender, age, sexuality, and/or ability within the context of a subject, topic, question, challenge, problem, opportunity, etc."

All undergraduate students are required to take general education coursework that promotes understanding and appreciation of cultural diversity and the range of human experience. Requirements of the curriculum include successful completion of four courses (twelve credit hours) with Human Culture designation and a minimum of two courses (six credit hours) with Human Diversity designation (courses such as Cultural Anthropology; Social and Cultural Change; Race, Ethnicity, and Gender: A Global Perspective; Asian Cinema; Chinese Culture). A variety of majors and minors explicitly emphasize diverse perspectives, including International Business, International Relations, Spanish, and French, along with minors in Ancient World Cultures, Chinese Studies, International Relations, International Business, and Gender Studies.

Lindenwood's new Like No Other - Freshman Seminars, launched in fall 2017, include several courses focusing on diversity and globalization (e.g., Hispanic (Mis)Representations in U.S. Popular Culture).

To learn more about accreditation and Lindenwood’s comprehensive evaluation and site visit scheduled for November 6-7, 2017 (November 3 in Belleville), and to see the countdown clock to the visit, go to the HLC page on the Lindenwood website here: <http://www.lindenwood.edu/about/higher-learning-commission/>.

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