

**HLC Fact of the Week:**  
**“HLC Language Related to Diversity”**  
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In an [earlier HLC Fact of the Week](#), it was noted that HLC articulates a number of [guiding values](#). One of those guiding values addresses [diversity](#). But it is important to note that diversity is also addressed in the HLC [Criteria for Accreditation](#). Here is a complete listing of the HLC language pertinent to diversity:

**Guiding Value:**

**3. Education for a diverse, technological, globally connected world**

A contemporary education must recognize contemporary circumstances: the diversity of U.S. society, the diversity of the world in which students live, and the centrality of technology and the global dynamic to life in the 21st century. More than ever, students should be prepared for lifelong learning and for the likelihood that no job or occupation will last a lifetime. Even for the most technical qualification, students need the civic learning and broader intellectual capabilities that underlie success in the workforce. HLC distinguishes higher education in part on the basis of its reach beyond narrow vocational training to a broader intellectual and social context.

**Criteria for Accreditation:**

1.C. The institution understands the relationship between its mission and the diversity of society.

1. The institution addresses its role in a multicultural society.
2. The institution’s processes and activities reflect attention to human diversity as appropriate within its mission and for the constituencies it serves.

3.B. The institution demonstrates that the exercise of intellectual inquiry and the acquisition, application, and integration of broad learning and skills are integral to its educational programs.

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

To learn more about accreditation and Lindenwood’s comprehensive evaluation and site visit scheduled for November 6-7, 2017, 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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