

### **3. Human Diversity**

*Objective:* Students will learn about human diversity, including how different patterns of behavior and thought evolve and how the development of cultures is influenced by interactions among different social groups.

UMass Boston believes that explicit study of the diversity of the world's peoples is an essential component of an undergraduate education. The university defines "diversity" broadly to include race, gender, culture (national origin, ethnicity, religion), social class, age, sexual origin and disability. Attention to cultural and social groups previously ignored or marginalized in curricula helps students acquire analytical tools and knowledge with which they can understand human diversity in our complex and changing world, and strengthens their academic preparation by exposing them to a rich body of scholarship from a wide range of disciplines. All undergraduates at UMass Boston must therefore take courses that address human diversity as a major theme.