

## Viewing a Wider World Course Certification/Recertification Procedures

Viewing a Wider World (VWW) certification at NMSU is coordinated by the [General Education Course Certification Committee](#) (GECCC). The committee's responsibilities include

- Developing guidelines for VWW certification
- Reviewing and approving courses for addition to NMSU's VWW curriculum
- Developing guidelines for periodic recertification of VWW courses

### Certification Process

1. **Submissions.** Applications for new VWW courses or to certify existing courses for VWW must be submitted through the [Courseleaf CIM system](#). The CIM system routes applications for necessary approvals.
2. **Review and Approval.** The GECCC will review each VWW application and either approve, deny with cause, or request changes or clarifications
  - a. If approved, department and college will be notified through the CIM system.
  - b. If changes or clarifications are requested, the department and college will be notified and encouraged to resubmit before the next scheduled meeting of the committee.
  - c. If denied, the GECCC chair will communicate to the department and college the committee's cause for denial
3. **Criteria for Inclusion in VWW Curriculum**

To qualify as a VWW Course, the course must satisfy all of the following criteria:

1. Courses must be upper division (300-400level) and appropriately rigorous.
2. Courses must not have prerequisites beyond those required for all 300-400 courses.
3. Courses must include scholarly activity appropriate to the discipline, including one or more of the following:
  - a. A research project or structured, documented inquiry in the form of information gathering, evaluation and formal presentation.
  - b. A creative arts activity or project.
4. Courses must include learning outcomes which require writing that demonstrates the integration of knowledge.
5. Courses must include at least one student learning outcome addressing one or more of the following components:
  - a. An international experience or examination of international issues.
  - b. Examination and analysis of multicultural issues.
  - c. Investigation of interdisciplinary approaches to the subject matter.
  - d. Analysis of ethical issues.

4. **Application Requirements. Application within the CIM system will include the following prompts**
  - a. Please describe how this course incorporates scholarly activity that is appropriate to the discipline (Criterion 3) and attach sample assignments.
  - b. For each relevant component listed in Criterion 5, identify one student learning outcome and describe how this outcome is assessed.
  - c. Please describe the writing requirement for this course (i) noting how it integrates knowledge (Criterion 4), and (ii) describing how the integration of knowledge is assessed. Include examples of assignments.

**Recertification.** VWW courses will be recertified every six years. A new recertification process is being development by the GECCC for a pilot-phase launch during the 2022-23 academic year.