

Graduate Course Description Form

Course Number: IGC 668

Course Name: Creating a Cultural Safe Haven in the Classroom

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Credits Earned: 3 Graduate Credits, which equates to:

- 67.5 PDPs (courses taken prior to June 8, 2026)
- 22.5 PDPs (courses taken after June 8, 2026)

Credits Issued By: Gordon College

Course Fee: \$675 (\$625 with early registration)

Course Description:

This course will provide teachers with the opportunity to explore topics such as bias, racism, sexism and xenophobia and other controversial cultural conversations that happen in our classrooms. Teachers will gain a more in-depth awareness of these diverse topics, feel better prepared to address students' social-emotional concerns and engage students in these discussions. Educators will share their experiences related to these topics by collaborating as professionals, asking questions, and developing strategies to implement in their schools. This course is meant to help facilitate these conversations among school leaders. Therefore, teachers will be able to use this platform to discuss and address cultural-isms that arise naturally with students. This course is aligned to the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks.