Additional Topics for Integration into the Core Curriculum Courses

Government/Political Science

Bias, discrimination, tolerance, and diversity: Issues related to race, sexuality, and religion including:

- Discuss how to respond if a roommate or a friend express intolerance or ridicule;
- How should evangelical Christian students deal with followers of other faiths, atheists, or homosexuals?
- When do public displays of faith become subtle acts of intimidation to groups with different beliefs, making them feel unwelcome? Is this another form of religious persecution?

Immigration: Issues related to:

- Should immigrants have in-state tuition if they lived here for 10-15 years?
- Should immigrants be able to obtain a driver’s license, so they can have insurance?
- Should immigrants be able to be insured at work?
- Should immigrants pay into social security and get retirement benefits?
- Is exclusion just?

Genocide: It’s easy to recognize that it’s wrong, but do we always recognize when it has happened? Consider issues related to:

- The Trail of Tears
- Guatemala and Nicaragua?
- Was the Ku Klux Klan attempting genocide, or terrorism?
- The Jewish Genocide
- Cambodia

Government: Issues related to:

- Campaign tactics
- When are contributions a “bribe?”
- Church and State (religious artifacts, language used in government buildings, etc.)
- Political “mudslinging”