SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH
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Middle Eastern and North African (ME/NA) Ethnic Category

The Public Health Student Assembly recognizes the need for a ME/NA ethnic category to be created for use as a racial category on all University documents that collect racial and ethnic demographic data in order to identify and recognize the ME/NA community on our campus.

The Middle Eastern and North African (ME/NA) community has historically raised a concern that there is a lack of official recognition of their identity and existence on campus, having to identify as white. In these cases, ME/NA students must identify as white on Wolverine Access, Graduate school applications, and University job applications, among other official documents.

With commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion, The Public Health Student Assembly officially supports all efforts to implement creation of the ME/NA ethnic category.