

# Baccalaureate Core Exceptions

## College of Agricultural Sciences

Exceptions can be made for substitute courses only in the college of the student's primary major. Exceptions are granted when the course materials provided by the student for the course in question meet all of the [Bacc Core Learning Outcomes, Criteria and Rational](#) for the category in question. Should a student change their major to a different college, all college-level exceptions will be removed from the program of study.

The following exceptions may be granted by the departmental lead advisor or designee with supporting documentation kept on file:

### Skills Requirements

#### Fitness

- Syllabus/course description for substitute course must include content in ALL of the following: physical fitness, nutrition, and positive health behaviors. If so, use Apply Here for the course for HHS 231 equivalent, but not HHS 241/PAC.
- For students with a Joint Services Transcript (i.e. military), if the JST has "physical conditioning" or "physical education" listed, use Force Complete for HHS 231 only and reduce credits within the Bacc Core if needed.
- HE 250 from any Oregon community college will work for HHS 231 only. Use an Apply Here.
- Pass along unclear courses for College Head Advisor review

#### Mathematics

- All courses of MTH 252 (or transfer equivalent) or higher (and C- or higher grade) if no course of MTH 251 or below is articulated. Only use Apply Here to make the exception for the higher level MTH course.
- Pass along unclear courses for College Head Advisor review

#### Writing I

- WR 1 exception can be granted provided a student has completed a WR2 course at OSU or via transfer with a C- or higher. Please either substitute a different WR course for the WR1 requirement, or use a Force Complete if no other substitute exists. Credits within the Bacc Core may be reduced by 3 credits to accommodate the exception.
- Pass along other courses for College Head Advisor review

#### Writing II

- WR2 exception may be granted when a transfer course articulates as ENG LDT or WR LDT, and a course already articulated as W1 is the prerequisite (with a C- or higher) from the same transfer institution.
- Pass along unclear courses for College Head Advisor review

#### Speech

- For students with a Joint Services Transcript (i.e. military), if the JST has "communication" or "interpersonal communication" listed, use Force Complete for SP only and reduce credits within the Bacc Core if needed.
- You can use an Apply Here when the transfer course clearly meets the student learning outcomes, and the syllabus/course description clearly indicate the student needs to complete at least one "in-class" speech, whether online or in-person. Be mindful of some business communications classes and journalism classes that do not include at least one speech, as they do not meet the requirement.
- Pass along unclear courses for College Head Advisor review

## Perspectives Requirements

Cultural Diversity – pass along all courses for College Head Advisor review

Literature and Arts

- You can use an Apply Here when the transfer course clearly meets:
  - the student learning outcomes, and
  - the syllabus/course description indicates the cultural/historical context of evolution (i.e. cannot be a performance course)
- Pass along unclear courses for College Head Advisor review

Social Processes and Institutions

- You can use an Apply Here for any introductory ANTH, ECON, PS, PSY, or SOC course.
- You can use an Apply Here when the transfer course clearly meets:
  - the student learning outcomes, and
  - the syllabus/course description indicates a social science/society focus
- Pass along unclear courses for College Head Advisor review

Western Culture

- You can use an Apply Here when the transfer course clearly meets:
  - the student learning outcomes, and
  - the syllabus/course description lists at least ½ of the course content focuses on Europe/North America
- Pass along unclear courses for College Head Advisor review

Physical and Biological Sciences

- You can use the “Remove Course” exception when a standalone transfer course without an associated lab is populating any section. Students in science-based majors within CAS will likely have enough courses to meet all requirements with other existing courses for degree clearance.
- Pass along all courses for College Head Advisor review

## Difference, Power and Discrimination Requirement

- You can use the “Remove Course” exception when a transfer course will satisfy two different Bacc Core categories, or you may use Apply Here to put in the other category when your major has specific DPD courses
- Pass along all courses for College Head Advisor review

## Synthesis Requirements

- Pass along all courses for College Head Advisor review
- Be sure to inform students to find the syllabus for the course, as it must contain the following:
  - articulate to OSU as upper-division
  - include a written research composition/paper of 1250 words with cited sources
  - use a multidisciplinary approach i.e. cannot be specific in content to one major field or too technical