General Education Exceptions

In some cases students may have completed courses at the University of Kentucky or another university that are not designated as UK Core classes, but may fulfill a content area. The student’s advisor should help the student determine if the material covered in the class in question fulfilled a UK Core content area. If the advisor and student believe that there is substantial evidence that a content area was fulfilled the advisor can assist the student in filing a General Education Exception to have the course reviewed. The General Education Exception can be found at: http://www.uky.edu/UGE/exceptions.html. If a student is seeking a graduation writing requirement exception, please refer to that section of the manual.

Transfer students from a quarter system may have courses that fulfills a UK Core content area that are less than 3 credit hours. An exception can be filed as long as the course in question was worth at least 2 credit hours.

If the course in question is a transfer course, the course must first be evaluated by the transfer equivalency office prior to filing the petition.

Information needed

- Course prefix and number
- College or university where course was taken
- UK Core area being petitioned
- Link to General Education requirements at institution where course was taken.
- Student’s major at time course was taken.
- Electronic copy of syllabus. If a student does not have access to the syllabus, he/she should contact the university or department where the course was taken. In most cases a syllabus can be provided.
- Justification of request

Process

1. Once submitted, the request is reviewed by the General Education Exception Committee
2. The committee’s decision is sent to the student and student’s advisor
3. In the case of request denial, appeals are handled by the Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education
4. APEX is updated to include the substitution