



GER, Transfer Students, and Other Matters

How Courses Become GER at UWM

- Department requests designation
- Submits documentation to the Academic Program and Curriculum Committee (APCC)
- If approved by APCC, the course receives GER designation

Transfer Credit Evaluation

- Courses are given the UWM equivalency deemed most appropriate
- GER may or may not be attached to that equivalency
- Courses that have a direct UWM equivalent receive the UWM GER category, if there is one
- A fairly large number of courses that transfer as electives receive a GER designation, based on standard introductory course content
- Transfer Credit staff will re-evaluate course equivalencies if there have been significant changes to course content or if the current equivalency appears to be inappropriate

GER, Transfer Credit, and UW System Schools

UW System Transfer Agreement:

- Covers breadth requirements, not Competency (OWCA, QLA, Foreign Language)
- Allows students to request the GER attached to a course at the sending school be used for the same or similar requirement at the receiving school
- Changing GER on other UW System campuses
- Send an email to Kim Pietsch (peach@uwm.edu) for evaluation of sending school GER designation and student record updates, no formal appeal necessary
- Other exceptions follow the GER Appeal process

Transfers From Outside the UW System

- There is no current provision to accept GER course designations from outside the UW-System
- The only option, when appropriate, is the GER Appeal

GER Appeal Process

- UWM Schools/Colleges grant the appeal
- Usually initiated through or by the advisor
- Each School/College has it's own procedure and should have copies of the blank appeal form
- If approved by School/College, form is forwarded to Kim Pietsch for review and proper processing on student record

GER Appeal

- Include a syllabus, if possible
- GER at a non-UW System school can be used as supporting information, but not the primary rationale
- Substitute course or waive?



Academic Program and Curriculum Committee General Education Requirements Appeals Monitoring Form

Guidelines for Completing and Routing GER Appeal Form

In the space provided for "Grounds of appeal," provide the rationale for the appeal. If the appeal decision results in waiving or altering any portion of the General Education Requirements, you must also complete the Executive Action portion at the bottom of this form so that this information can be entered on the student's permanent record.

Keep a copy for your records, and route a copy to Kim Pietsch, peach@uwm.edu in the Registrar's Office.

Name	Last	First	M.I.	Campus ID Number
Major/Department				Program
School/College				

STATEMENT OF APPEAL

Area(s) of GER for which exemption is sought:

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|--|---|---------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Oral & written Communication
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Part A
<input type="radio"/> Part B | <input type="checkbox"/> Distribution
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Arts
<input type="radio"/> Cultural Diversity
<input type="radio"/> Humanities
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Natural Science
<input type="radio"/> Natural Science Lab
<input type="radio"/> Social Science | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Quantitative Literacy
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Part A
<input type="radio"/> Part B | | |

Foreign Language

Grounds of appeal (attach documents as necessary):

Decision: Appeal granted Appeal denied

School/College approval: _____
Academic Dean (signature)
Date

EXECUTIVE ACTION

Academic Action:

Waive requirement: _____
requirement and number of credits waived

Substitute Course: _____ from _____ for _____

GER Foreign Language by Exam

Students wishing to demonstrate knowledge of a language that is not English, French, German, or Spanish (Japanese?) should be sent to Kim Pietsch (peach@uwm.edu, 414 229-6314). She will:

- Determine if there is anything in the student's file to document a level of language knowledge sufficient to satisfy the GER Foreign Language
- If the language is taught on campus, arrange for an on campus exam
- If the language is not taught on campus, refer the student to the proper testing agency
- Provide the student with complete, written instructions on how to register for exams and have scores reported to the appropriate person

Questions? Comments?

I am always available for questions:

Kim Pietsch

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