

## **COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES EXPLORATORY REQUIREMENT General Policy**

The College of Arts and Sciences Exploratory Requirement provides students with a depth and breadth in multidisciplinary knowledge needed in today's complex world. Through concentrated intellectual engagement in disciplines outside a student's major, this requirement offers expanded horizons and progressive challenges to more fully develop the scope of a student's understanding, abilities and accomplishments.

In addition to satisfying the university-wide general education requirements, all students with majors in the College of Arts and Sciences\* are required to complete at least 3 additional courses outside of their major rubric. The courses may be part of a College minor, concentration or second major, or chosen either from a single rubric exclusively or from a predefined interdisciplinary set of courses developed by departments. Co-requisite courses (courses from a rubric other than the major, e.g., chemistry for biology majors, MUT for music B.A.s) required for any major may be applied toward the exploratory requirement.

Courses taken to fulfill the College Exploratory requirement must be at the 100 level or above, must be in a subject taught within the College of Arts and Sciences, with the exception of non-College courses that are carefully selected to be part of pre-defined Exploratory sets, and must not be courses a student is using to satisfy General Education Knowledge Foundations or Knowledge Explorations requirements. A student must complete at least 11 total credits towards this requirement, and at least two courses for the requirement must be taken at Oakland University. Only courses in which a student has earned at least a 2.0 may be applied to the CAS Exploratory requirement.

Courses that a student uses to satisfy the Exploratory requirement may also satisfy the general education categories of Knowledge Applications, Writing Intensive, and U.S. Diversity.

\*K-12 Music Education, K-12 Studio Art Education, B.F.A., B.A. Music, and B.M. majors, and Honors College students are exempt from this College Exploratory requirement.