

Request for Knowledge Area (KA) Waiver for Classes of 2010, 2011, & 2012

To be completed in the semester during which you are enrolling for your fifth KA course.

Instructions are on the next page. Submit to your Associate Dean after your Department Chair's approval.

Name: _____

Student No. _____

Major(s): _____

Advisor(s): _____

Expected Graduation Date: _____

Current Semester: _____

I request a waiver of the requirement that I cover six Knowledge Areas while completing five individual courses including one University Course. I understand that I still must complete and pass five individual courses covering Knowledge Areas and that these must cover at least four of the Knowledge Areas, and include at least one University course.

My five Knowledge Area courses, and their Knowledge Areas, are (please circle University Courses):

Knowledge Area Course	Semester Taken	Knowledge Area					
		CSO	CGI	IA	STS	EC	IG
1.							
2.							
3.							
4.							
5.							

I am unable to complete a course in Knowledge Area(s) _____ because (check all that are applicable):

- There are no courses this semester that cover Knowledge Area _____ and fit my schedule. Please check the specific problem: ___ None scheduled. ___ No open seats.
- I needed a University course but the only available University Courses cover Knowledge Areas I already have covered. What combination of Knowledge Areas do you need? _____
- I had too many left to cover by the time I realized I had to cover six Knowledge Areas.
- Other _____

- I experienced problems with KAs prior to this semester. If this is the case, please indicate which semester(s), and which problem(s). _____

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

Advisor Signature:* _____

Date: _____

Department Chair Signature:* _____

Date: _____

(Not applicable for Business students)

* Students with more than one major (e.g., double majors, dual degrees) should get signatures from all advisors and departments/programs, but need to submit the signed form to the Associate Dean for only one of the relevant Schools if there are more than one.

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Graduation Requirement:

Students in the Class of 2010 and beyond must satisfy the requirements of the Clarkson Common Experience. One component of this experience lies in the Knowledge Area and University Courses. As indicated in the University Catalog, the Knowledge Areas and University Course requirement is:

Knowledge Areas and University Courses

Students must achieve learning outcomes in six broad areas of knowledge listed below. The knowledge area requirement is met by completing five individual courses including at least one University Course that unites two areas of knowledge. Together, these courses must cover all of the following areas of knowledge:

- Cultures and Societies (CSO)
- Contemporary and Global Issues (CGI)
- Imaginative Arts (IA)
- Science, Technology, and Society (STS)
- Economics and Organizations (EC), and
- Individual and Group Behavior (IG).

All students must take at least one University course after the first year. University Courses will address learning outcomes in two of the six areas of knowledge. University courses are multidisciplinary, and students observe and participate in the interaction of disciplines.

Provision for Waiver:

Students graduating in the Class of 2010, 2011, and 2012 must take five individual Knowledge Area courses including at least one University Course, but they may obtain a waiver of the requirement that these five courses cover all of the six Knowledge Areas. Under the waiver, at least four of the Knowledge Areas must be covered.

Every effort should be made by each student to construct a program of study that covers all six Knowledge Areas.

Students wishing to obtain a waiver must:

- Submit this Request for Waiver form **in the semester during which they are enrolling for their fifth Knowledge Area course.**
 - Submission prior to this time is not appropriate, as there is still the potential that a student could indeed construct a program of study that covers all six Knowledge Areas.
- This form must be signed by the student; his or her advisor; and the department chair, executive officer, or program director (not applicable for Business students), and then submitted to the Associate Dean of the relevant School. Students with more than one major (e.g., double majors, dual degrees) should get signatures from all advisors and departments, but need to submit the signed form to the Associate Dean for only one of the relevant Schools if there are more than one.
- The Associate Dean will collect these forms, inform the relevant department(s) when the waiver has been granted, and transmit the completed forms to the Common Experience Committee for the purpose of collecting and analyzing data concerning effective implementation of the Clarkson Common Experience.