

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES EXPLORATORY REQUIREMENT (CASER)

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The College of Arts and Sciences Exploratory Requirement (CASER) 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 department. A student may select these courses from a single rubric of their choosing *or* may complete any of the pre-defined exploratory sets of courses identified on the College's website at www.oakland.edu/cas. Co-requisite courses (courses from a department other than the major, e.g., physics for biology majors) required for any major may be applied toward the CASER. Completion of a College minor or concentration may be used to satisfy the CASER. CASER is satisfied by majors with credit requirements that total 60 or above that include three courses outside of the major department.

Courses taken to fulfill the College exploratory requirement must be at the 100 level or above and must be in a subject taught within the College of Arts and Sciences, with the exception non-College courses that are part of pre-approved exploratory sets. A student must complete at least 10 total credits towards this requirement, and at least one course for the requirement must be taken at Oakland University.

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

Notes [NOT FOR THE CATALOG]

1. Students with MACRAO will be able to use appropriate community college courses to satisfy a portion of this requirement (as noted, one course still has to be taken at OU). Other transfer students will also be able to use appropriate transfer courses to satisfy a portion of this requirement (again, one course still has to be taken at OU).
2. The same requirement exists for B.S., B.A., and B.S.W. Only the majors noted within the asterisked footnote are exempt. For students in the B.A. in Music major, the MUT theory courses required within the major fulfill their CASER.
3. Courses that a student is using to satisfy the general education categories of Knowledge Application, U.S. Diversity, and Writing Intensive may be used by that student to satisfy the CASER.
4. Courses that a student is using to satisfy general education Knowledge Foundations or Knowledge Explorations categories may not be used by that student to satisfy the CASER.
5. Courses must be at the 100 level or above to count toward completion of CASER; students should be specifically advised that three 100-level courses are not a good choice for satisfying this requirement.

