

PROCESS TO SUBMIT A PETITION FOR EXCEPTION TO THE CROSS-CULTURAL EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENT

STEP 1: COMPLETE GNST-200: GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES SEMINAR

- GNST-200 must be completed by every student prior to graduation, even those that have the cross-cultural experience requirement waived.

STEP 2: KNOW WHAT JUSTIFIES EXEMPTION

Generally, only the following experiences are considered justification for exemption from the cross-cultural requirement:

- Extensive overseas military service tours, at least 6 months in duration
- Extensive missions work abroad, at least 6 months in duration
- Being raised or living in a foreign country as a young adult for at least 24 months
- Academic study in a college/university abroad, at least 6 months in duration
- Having spent a minimum of one year as a foreign exchange student during high school

The Global Perspectives Committee may consider other experiences on a case-by-case basis.

STEP 3: PLAN IN ADVANCE

- Consider the possibility that your petition may not be accepted/approved by the Global Perspectives Committee.
- Plan an alternate means for fulfilling the cross-cultural experience requirement.

STEP 4: SUBMIT PETITION

- Requests for exemption are considered on an individual basis and will be judged according to the following criteria:
 1. The culture and location of study;
 2. The duration of the cross-cultural experience(s);
 3. The age(s) at the time of the experience;
 4. The language proficiency gained from the experience and any subsequent relevant language studies;
 5. The depth of cultural awareness gained from the experience;
 6. The purpose and nature of interaction in the host culture (whether or not designed for an academic purpose);
 7. How the experience fulfills the objectives of the cross-cultural experience requirement.
- Submit the petition to the Global Perspectives Office by the appropriate deadline as specified. Petitions will not be accepted after this deadline!
- Within one week following the deadline, the petition will be submitted to the Global Perspectives Committee, which will vote whether or not to approve.
- Notification of the Global Perspectives Committee's decision will be forwarded via email from the Global Perspectives Office within two weeks of the deadline.

STEP 5: VERIFY TRANSCRIPT

- If approved, your name and student ID number will be submitted to the Records Office where a waiver of requirement will be posted to your transcript.
- After notification of approval, allow a few days for the approval to be processed and then check online to ensure that the requirement waiver has been posted.