Application for Exemption from Global Studies Requirement

Name: ___________________________________ Date: ____________________

Freshman_____ Sophomore_____ Junior_____ Senior_____ Expected Graduation Date:___________

Major:___________________________________ Academic advisor:____________________________

The Core Curriculum Committee recognizes that some students have had significant cross-cultural life experiences prior to coming to John Brown University. Such experiences might include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Overseas military service tours of a minimum of six months in duration
- Extensive cross-cultural missions work
- Residence in a foreign country as a young adult in excess of 12 months
- Significant academic study in a foreign college, university or language school
- A minimum of a year as an exchange student during high school

Not all cross-cultural experiences involve significant cultural learning. For example, bi-racial parentage, short cultural exchange trips, vacations and short-term missions trips that have little or no academic content are not generally considered “significant cross-cultural experiences” for the purposes of the Global Studies Requirement.

Students who believe that they have had significant cross-cultural experience, which they can document, may apply to Dr. Rob Norwood, Dean of Undergraduate Studies, to request an exemption from the Global Studies Requirement. Exemption is not guaranteed. To apply for exemption, fill out this form and include a typed, double-spaced, detailed description of your previous cross-cultural experience with particular attention to the five items listed below. Please email this form and the accompanying proposal as an attachment to the Registrar’s Office.

Applications will be evaluated based upon the following criteria:

- Duration of the cross-cultural experience and age at the time of the experience.
- Language proficiency.
- General knowledge of the culture gained from the experience.
- Purpose and nature of interaction in the host country.
- Quality and comprehensiveness of the written proposal.

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Action: Approved __________ Disapproved _________

Comments:

Dr. Norwood: ________________________________ Date of Action: ________________