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**SUBSTITUTION – replacement of a specific required course by another approved course.** Transfer courses must be college-level and completed at institutions accredited by CHEA or USDE approved accrediting agencies.

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**Which Montana Western catalog(s) are you following?**

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**Degree you are planning to complete?**

- BAS
- BA
- BS
- AA
- AAS
- AS

**Major or Option:**

**Minor or Related Area:**

**Have you applied for Graduation?**

- NO  
- YES

**When (term/year) will you complete your degree/program of study?**

- Fall
- Spring
- Summer

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**COURSE SUBSTITUTION**—Provide ALL necessary information; S-1 course below substitutes for R-1 UMW required course to the right, etc.

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**Required course(s) for which I am requesting substitution or waiver approval:**

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**Instructor’s rationale for approving substitution (use the back of this form if necessary):**

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Student E-MAIL ADDRESS:
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- ___NO  
- ___YES

When (term/year) will you complete your degree/program of study?

- ___Fall  
- ___Spring  
- ___Summer  
- Year___________

In the space below please provide information regarding the substitution(s) you are requesting.

**WAIVER--**In the space below (use the back of this form if needed) explain your request in detail: attach verifying documentation; secure instructor approval.

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Explain the basis for the course waiver in this space:

**OTHER DEGREE REQUIREMENT WAIVER**  Use this space to state the degree requirement you are requesting approval to waive:

**Student Explanation:**

X  Instructor rationale for approval:

X  X  X  X  X  X  X  X  X  X

UMW Department Faculty APPROVAL-- Date _________

**REQUIRED APPROVALS:**

(Student Signature)  
(Today’s Date)  
Provost  
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Student E-MAIL ADDRESS:  
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