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MEMORANDUM

To: Dr. Bettie Rose Horne, Chair, and Members, Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing

From: Dr. Gail M. Morrison, Director of Academic Affairs and Licensing

Consideration of Annual Report on Advanced Placement Course Acceptance Policies, FY 2008-09

The Education Improvement Act (1984) requires the Commission to monitor the awarding of AP credit by the State's public higher education institutions. The Education Improvement Act specified that:

> **Students successfully completing the Advanced Placement requirements shall receive Advanced Placement credit in postsecondary public colleges in South Carolina in the manner specified by the Commission on Higher Education in conjunction with the State Board of Education.**

In July 1985, the Commission adopted the following policy:

> *Effective not later than Fall 1986, each public institution shall give credit in appropriate courses for scores of three or better on pertinent Advanced Placement examinations, except that specific exemptions for not awarding credit for scores of three or better on particular tests at any institution may be approved by the Committee on Academic Affairs. (As used above, the phrase "appropriate courses" means those courses offered by the institutions which parallel the content covered by the AP exam. The phrase "pertinent examination" means those examinations whose content parallels that of the institutional course.)*

Annually, the Commission updates its list of Advanced Placement (AP) examinations for which credit for comparable courses is awarded for scores of three or higher. The two- and four-year public institutions in the State review the current list of AP examinations for which credit is given by their institution, and then report any revisions (e.g., additions, deletions).

The 1996-97 Appropriations Bill included a proviso (section 18A.21) that mandated that all postsecondary institutions in South Carolina award AP credit to students receiving a score of three or above on an AP examination. All institutions evaluated their AP policies based on this approved legislation. The proviso was incorporated into the South Carolina Code of Laws, as follows:

> **SECTION 59-29-190. Advanced placement courses for academically talented students. [SC ST SEC 59-29-190]**
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> **Each school district shall provide advanced placement courses in all secondary schools of the district which enroll an adequate number of academically talented students to support the course. By August 15, 1984, the State Board of Education by regulation shall specify what constitutes an advanced placement course and an adequate number of students for these programs. A student who successfully completes the advanced placement requirements for a course and who receives a score of three or higher on the advanced placement exam shall receive advanced placement credit for the course in each post-secondary public college in South Carolina in the manner specified by the Commission on Higher Education in conjunction with the State Board of Education.**

In compliance with the approved legislation, each public two- and four-year institution shall award AP credit for each course if a student scores three or higher on an Advanced Placement examination. Although the law does not address maximum limits on the number of AP credit hours in any one discipline area, exemption from courses, or specific conditions imposed on the award of college credit for a minimum score of three, the intent of the law is to remove all institutional exemptions or conditions for awarding AP credit for minimum scores of three. However, the law does not require that AP credit be awarded for courses that are not offered by the institution unless the institution desires to do so. Customarily, institutions have not awarded credit for courses not available in their curricula.

The following three charts (see **Attachments 1, 2, and 3**) show the acceptance status for all current AP tests at each public two-and four-year institution. The Advanced Placement Course Descriptions for all courses along with other information regarding AP courses and exams can be found online at http://www.collegeboard.com/ap.

After the 2008-09 school year, the College Board plans to stop offering Advanced Placement courses and tests in four subjects: Italian, French Literature, Latin Literature, and Computer Science AB. The four exams will be removed from our tables for the 2009-10 report.

Recommendation

The staff recommends that the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing commend favorably to the Commission this report on Advanced Placement Course Acceptance Policies, FY 2008-09.

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cc: Excel Attachments (3)

TABLE 1: 2008-2009 ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES ACCEPTED FOR CREDIT AT FOUR-YEAR PUBLIC COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

AP EXAMINATIONS	Citadel	Clemson	Coastal Carolina	Col. of Charleston	Francis Marion	Lander	SC State	USC Columbia	USC Aiken	USC Beaufort	USC Upstate	Winthrop
Art History	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Biology	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Chemistry	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Calculus AB	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Calculus BC	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Chinese Language and Culture 2007	YES	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	Under Review	Under Review	Under Review	YES
Computer Science A	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Computer Science AB	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
English Language & Composition	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
English Literature & Composition	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Environmental Science	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
European History	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
French Language	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
French Literature	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
German Language	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Government & Politics: Comparative	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Government and Politics: United States	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Human Geography	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Italian Language and Culture	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	Under Review	YES	YES	YES
Japanese Language & Culture 2007	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	Under Review	Under Review	Under Review	YES
Latin Literature	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Latin: Vergil	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Macroeconomics	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Microeconomics	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Music Theory	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Physics: B	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Physics C: Electricity & Magnetism	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Physics C: Mechanics	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Psychology	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Spanish Language	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Spanish Literature	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Statistics	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Studio Art: 2-D Design	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Studio Art: 3-D Design	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Studio Art: Drawing	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
United States History	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
World History	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES

YES reflects Advanced Placement Examinations for which credit is awarded for scores of three or higher.

TABLE II: 2008-2009 ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES ACCEPTED FOR CREDIT

AT TWO-YEAR TECHNICAL COLLEGES

AP Examinations	Aiken	Central Carolina	Denmark	Florence Darlington	Greenville	Horry-Grgtwn	Midlands	North-eastern	Orangbg-Calhoun	Piedmont	Spartanburg	Tech.Low-Country	Tri-County	Trident	Williams-burg	York
Art History	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Biology	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Calculus AB	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Calculus BC	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Chemistry	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Chinese Language and Literature	NO	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Computer Science AB	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Computer Science AB	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
English Language & Composition	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
English Literature & Composition	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Environmental Science	NO	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
European History	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
French Language	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
French Literature	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
German Language	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Government & Politics: Comparative	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Government & Politics: United States	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Human Geography	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Italian Language and Culture	NO	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Japanese Language and Culture 2007	NO	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Latin Literature	NO	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Latin: Virgil	NO	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Macroeconomics	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Microeconomics	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Music Theory	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Physics B	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Physics C: Mechanics	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Psychology	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Spanish Language	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Spanish Literature	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Statistics	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Studio Art: 2-D Design	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Studio Art: 3-D Design	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Studio Art: Drawing	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
United States History	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
World History	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES

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TABLE III: 2008-2009 ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES ACCEPT

USC's REGIONAL (TWO-YEAR) COLLEGES

AP Examinations				
	USC-Lancaster	USC-Salkehatchie	USC-Sumter	USC-Union
Art History	YES	YES	YES	YES
Biology	YES	YES	YES	YES
Calculus AB	YES	YES	YES	YES
Calculus BC	YES	YES	YES	YES
Chemistry	YES	YES	YES	YES
Chinese Language and Literature 2007	YES	YES	YES	Under Review
Computer Science AB	YES	YES	YES	YES
English Language & Composition	YES	YES	YES	YES
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French Literature	YES	YES	YES	YES
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Government & Politics: Comparative	YES	YES	YES	YES
Government & Politics: United States	YES	YES	YES	YES
Human Geography	YES	YES	YES	YES
Italian Language and Culture	YES	YES	YES	YES
Japanese Language and Culture 2007	YES	YES	YES	Under Review
Latin Literature	YES	YES	YES	YES
Latin: Virgil	YES	YES	YES	YES
Macroeconomics	YES	YES	YES	YES
Microeconomics	YES	YES	YES	YES
Music Theory	YES	YES	YES	YES
Physics B	YES	YES	YES	YES
Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism	YES	YES	YES	YES
Physics C: Mechanics	YES	YES	YES	YES
Psychology	YES	YES	YES	YES
Spanish Language	YES	YES	YES	YES
Spanish Literature	YES	YES	YES	YES
Statistics	YES	YES	YES	YES
Studio Art: 2-D Design	YES	YES	YES	YES
Studio Art: 3-D Design	YES	YES	YES	YES
Studio Art: Drawing	YES	YES	YES	YES
United States History	YES	YES	YES	YES
World History	YES	YES	YES	YES

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