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**Commission on  
Higher Education**

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**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Mr. Dalton B. Floyd, Jr., Chairman, and Members, Commission on Higher Education

**From:** Ms. Dianne Chinnes, Chairman, Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing *DC/gmm*

**Consideration of Annual Report on Advanced Placement  
Course Acceptance Policies, FY 2002-03**

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 reads as follows:

**Section 18A.21 (CHE: Advanced Placement) Students successfully completing advanced placement courses and receiving a score of three or above on the exam shall receive advanced placement credit for each course in all postsecondary public colleges in South Carolina.**

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 proviso 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 new law is to remove all institutional exemptions or conditions for awarding AP credit for minimum scores of three. However, the new 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 two charts (see Attachments 1 and 2), list the changes, if any, in red and show the acceptance status for all AP tests at each public two-and four-year institution. We did not receive a report from Horry-Georgetown Technical College, The Citadel, and USC-Spartanburg.

### **Recommendation**

The staff recommends that the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing commend this report favorably to the Commission on Higher Education. The Committee will consider this item at its meeting on November 6 and will make its recommendation to the Commission on November 7.

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Cc: Excel Attachments (2)

**TABLE II: 2002-2003 ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES (Attachment 2)**

AP Examinations	Aiken	Central Carolina	Northeastern	Denmark	Florence Darlington	Greenville	Horry- George- town	Midlands	Orangebg- Calhoun	Piedmont	Spartanbg	Low-country	Tri-County	Trident	Williamsburg	York
Art: History of	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Art Studio: Drawing	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	YES	NO	NO	YES	YES	NO
Art Studio: General	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	YES	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO
Biology	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
Computer Science: A	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	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Economics: Macro	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Economics: Micro	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
English Lang & Comp	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
English Lit & Comp	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Environmental Sci.	NO	YES	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO	YES	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES
French Language	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO
French Literature	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO
German Language	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES
Gov't & Politics: Comp	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	NO	NO	YES	NO	YES
Gov't & Politics: US	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
History: European	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
History: US	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Human Geography			YES			NO	YES	YES	NO		YES	NO		YES	NO	NO
Latin: Vergil	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO
Latin Literature	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO
Math: Calculus AB	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Math: Calculus BC	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Math: Calculus BC- Calculus AB subscore					YES	YES		YES		YES		YES		YES		
Music: Theory	NO	YES	NO	YES	YES	NO	NO	YES	NO	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES
Music Theory: subscore Aural Stimulus					NO	NO		YES		YES		NO		NO		
Music Theory: subscore without Aural Stimulus					NO	NO		YES		YES		NO		NO		
Physics B	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Physics C: Elec. & Mag	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	NO	NO
Physics C: Mechanics	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	NO	NO
Psychology	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Spanish Language	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Spanish Literature	NO	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	YES	NO	NO	YES	NO	YES	YES	NO	NO
Statistics	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
World History (2002)		YES				YES		YES	NO	YES	YES	YES		YES	YES	

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

Changes to the Advanced Placement Examinations are shown in red

The following institutions did not report any changes: Aiken Tech; Central Carolina Tech; Northeastern Tech; Denmark Tech; Tri-County Tech; and Williamsburg Tech

The following institution did not report: Horry-Georgetown Tech

**TABLE 1: 2002-2003 ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES ACCEPTED FOR CREDIT  
AT FOUR-YEAR PUBLIC COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES (Attachment 1)**

		The Citadel	Clemson	Coastal Carolina	College of Charleston	Francis Marion	Lander	SC State	USC Columbia	USC Aiken	USC Spartanburg	Winthrop
<b>AP Examinations</b>												
Art: History of		YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Art: Studio-Drawing		YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Art: Studio-General		YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Biology		YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Chemistry		YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Computer Science: A		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
Economics: Macroeconomics		YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Economics: Microeconomics		YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
English Lang & Comp		YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
English Lit & Comp		YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Environmental Sci.		YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	UNDER REVIEW	YES	YES
French Language		YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
French Literature		YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
German Language		YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Gov't & Politics: Comp		YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Gov't & Politics: US		YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
History: European		YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
History: US		YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Human Geography		YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO		YES			YES
Latin: Vergil		YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Latin Literature		YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Mathematics: Calculus AB		YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Mathematics: Calculus BC		YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Mathematics: Calculus BC- Calculus AB subscore				YES	YES	YES			YES	YES		YES
Music: Theory		YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Music Theory: subscore Aural Stimulus				YES		YES			Under Review	YES		YES
Music Theory: subscore without Aural Stimulus				YES		YES			Under Review	YES		YES
Physics B		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
Physics C: Electricity & Mag		YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Psychology		YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Spanish Language		YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Spanish Literature		YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Statistics		YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
World History (2002)		YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES	UNDER REVIEW	YES

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

Changes to the Advanced Placement Examinations are shown in red

The following Institutions did not report: The Citadel, USC-Spartanburg