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**Commission on
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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 *Delgamm*

**Consideration of Annual Report on Advanced Placement
Course Acceptance Policies, FY 2001-02**

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 tables (see **Attachments 1 and 2**), list the changes in AP policies at the public two- and four-year institutions in the State. Two charts (see **Attachments 3 and 4**), showing the acceptance status for all AP tests at each public two- and four-year institution are also attached. **Please note that the College Board has added a new course, World History, to the 2001-02 approved list of AP courses.**

Recommendation

The Committee recommends that the Commission approve this report in fulfillment of its responsibilities for monitoring the awarding of Advanced Placement credit.

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Changes to the 2001-2002 List of College Board AP Examinations Accepted by Public Senior Institutions	
<i>Public Senior Institution:</i>	<i>Changes:</i>
The Citadel	Add Art: Studio-Drawing, Art: Studio-General, Human Geography, Latin: Vergil, Latin Literature
Clemson University	No changes
Coastal Carolina University	Add Environmental Science, Human Geography, World History (2002)
College of Charleston	Under review, World History (2002)
Francis Marion University	No changes
Lander University	Add World History (2002)
South Carolina State University	No changes
USC at Aiken	Add Statistics
USC at Columbia (including five branches)	Add Human Geography
USC at Spartanburg	Under review: World History (2002)
Winthrop University	Add World History (2002)

Changes to the 2001-2002 List of College Board AP Examinations Accepted by the Technical Colleges	
<i>Technical College:</i>	<i>Changes:</i>
Aiken Technical College	Add Art History, French Language, German Language, Math: Calculus BC, Physics B
Central Carolina Tech. College	Add French Language, Statistics, World History (2002) Delete Human Geography
Denmark Technical College	Add Psychology
Florence-Darlington Tech. College	Delete Art Studio-Drawing, Art Studio- General, French Literature, Latin: Vergil, Latin Literature
Greenville Technical College	No changes
Horry-Georgetown Tech. College	Add Comparative Government & Politics, Music: Theory
Midlands Technical College	Add World History (2002)
Northeastern Technical College	Add World History (2002)
Orangeburg-Calhoun Tech. Coll.	Add World History (2002)
Piedmont Technical College	Add Art Studio-Drawing
Spartanburg Technical College	No changes
Technical Coll. of the Lowcountry	Delete Human Geography, Under review, World History (2002)
Tri-County Technical College	Add French Literature, Spanish Literature
Trident Technical College	Add Art Studio-General, Comparative Government & Politics, Human Geography, Latin: Vergil, Latin Literature, World History (2002)
Williamsburg Technical College	Add Art Studio-Drawing, German Language, World History (2002)
York Technical College	Delete French Literature

**TABLE 1: 2001-2002 ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES ACCEPTED FOR CREDIT
AT FOUR-YEAR PUBLIC COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES (Attachment 3)**

AP Examinations	The Citadel	Clemson	Coastal Carolina	College of Charleston	Francis Marion	Lander	SC State	USC Columbia	USC Aiken	USC Spartanburg	Winthrop
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	YES		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
Music: Theory	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	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	UNDER REVIEW		YES				UNDER REVIEW	YES

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

TABLE II: 2001-2002 ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES (Attachment 4)

AP Examinations	Aiken	Central Carolina	Northampton	Denmark	Florence Darlington	Greenville	Horry-Georgetown	Midlands	Orangeburg-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	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES	NO
Art Studio: General	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	YES	YES	NO	NO	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	YES	NO	YES	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO
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	YES	NO	NO	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	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO	YES	NO	YES
Gov't & Politics: US	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	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	YES		NO	NO		YES	NO	NO
Latin: Vergil	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO
Latin Literature	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES	NO	NO	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
Music: Theory	NO	YES	NO	YES	YES	NO	NO	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO
Physics II	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	
Physics C: Mechanics	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	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	YES	NO	NO	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			UNDER REVIEW		YES	YES	

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