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**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Mr. R. Austin Gilbert, Jr., Chairman, and Members,  
Commission on Higher Education

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

**Consideration of Report on Advanced Placement**

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 list the changes in AP policies at the public two- and four-year institutions in the State. **Please note that the College Board has added a new course, Human Geography, to the 1999-2000 approved list of AP courses.**

**Changes to the 1999-2000 List of College Board AP Examinations  
Accepted by Public Senior Institutions**

<i>Public Senior Institution:</i>	<i>Changes:</i>
The Citadel	No changes
Clemson University	Add Human Geography
Coastal Carolina University	No changes
College of Charleston	No changes
Francis Marion University	Add Human Geography
Lander University	Add Human Geography
South Carolina State University	No changes
USC at Aiken	Add Statistics
USC at Columbia (including five branches)	Add Environmental Science
USC at Spartanburg	No changes
Winthrop University	No changes

**Changes to the 1999-2000 List of College Board AP Examinations  
Accepted by the Technical Colleges**

<i>Technical College:</i>	<i>Changes:</i>
Aiken Technical College	No changes
Central Carolina Tech. College	Add Art History, European History, German Language, Music Theory
Chesterfield-Marlboro Tech. Coll.	Add Human Geography, French Literature, Latin: Virgil, Spanish Literature
Denmark Technical College	No changes
Florence-Darlington Tech. College	Add Art Studio: General, Computer Science A, Computer Science AB, Environmental Science, French Language, French Literature, German Language, Latin: Virgil, Latin: Literature, Math: Calculus AB, Math: Calculus BC, Music Theory, Spanish Literature, Statistics, Comparative Government Politics
Greenville Technical College	Add Statistics, No to Human Geography
Horry-Georgetown Tech. College	Add Human Geography, Spanish Literature, Comparative Government/Politics

Midlands Technical College	No changes
Piedmont Technical College	No changes
Orangeburg-Calhoun Tech. Coll.	No changes
Spartanburg Technical College	No changes
Technical Coll. of the Lowcountry	No changes
Tri-County Technical College	Add Statistics
Trident Technical College	No changes
Williamsburg Technical College	No changes
York Technical College	Add Art History, Spanish Language No to Human Geography

### **Recommendation**

The Committee on Academic Affairs recommends that the Commission accept this report as evidence that the institutions are all in compliance with the relevant pieces of legislation.

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**TABLE I: 1999-2000 ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES ACCEPTED FOR CREDIT  
AT FOUR-YEAR PUBLIC COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES**

AP Examinations	The Citadel	Clemson	Coastal Carolina	College of Charleston	Francis Marion	Lander	SC State	USC Columbia	USC Aiken	USC Spartanburg	Winthrop
Amer. Gov't/Politics	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
American History	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Art History	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Art Studio: Drawing	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Art Studio: General	NO	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
Comp. Gov't/Politics	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Computer Science	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
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 Science	YES	YES	*	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	UNDER REVIEW	UNDER REVIEW	YES
European History	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	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
Human Geography		YES			YES	YES					
Latin: Literature	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Latin: Virgil	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Macroeconomics	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Math: Calculus AB	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
Microeconomics	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Music Listening & Lit	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: Elec & 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

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

\* Coastal Carolina awards 4 credit hours of elective credit.

**TABLE II: 1999-2000 ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES  
ACCEPTED FOR CREDIT AT TECHNICAL COLLEGES**

AP Examinations	Aiken	Central Carolina	Chester- Marlboro	Denmark	Florence Darlington	Greenville	Horry- G'town	Midlands	Orange- Calhoun	Pied- mont	Spartan- burg	Low- Country	Tri- County	Trident	Williams- burg	York
Amer. Gov't/Politics	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
American History	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Art History	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Art Studio: Drawing	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO
Art Studio: General	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	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
Comp. Gov't/Politics	NO	NO	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES
Computer Science	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Computer Science: A	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES
Computer Science: AB	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	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 Science	NO	YES	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO
European History	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES
French Language	NO	NO	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO
French Literature	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO	YES	YES	NO	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO
German Language	NO	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO
Human Geography			YES			NO	YES									NO
Latin: Literature	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Latin: Virgil	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Macroeconomics	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Math: Calculus AB	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES
Math: Calculus: BC	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES
Microeconomics	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Music Listening & Lit	NO	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO
Music Theory	NO	YES	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO
Physics B	NO	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	NO	YES
Physics C: Mechanics	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	NO	NO
Physics C: Elec & Mag	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	NO	NO
Psychology	YES	YES	YES	NO	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	NO	YES	NO	NO
Statistics	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES

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