Proposal to Allow Pre-Approved
Study Abroad Experiences to Fulfill International and Cultural Diversity
Requirement
of the Texas A&M University Core Curriculum
January 8, 2003

The Study Abroad Program and Policy Committee (SAPPC) is charged with review and
approval of courses and programs to be taught outside of the United States. Efforts at
the college and university levels have resulted in expanded offerings of study abroad
programs that are available to Texas A&M University students. These opportunities
allow students to earn academic credit while living in another country. This is truly
international experience. The members of SAPPC recommend that the five types of
courses taken for credit in an approved study abroad program, as described below, be
counted toward the Core Curriculum requirement for International and Cultural Diversity.

Courses numbered 484, 485, and 491 do not satisfy University Core Curriculum
requirements (2002-2003 Undergraduate Catalog). Consequently, approval is
requested that allows credit from these courses for the International and Cultural
Diversity Requirement only.

Five types of international study experience to be considered:
1. Programs conducted in another country by a TAMU faculty member as the sole or lead
   instructor
   ▶ All faculty-led programs taught in another country must have an international
   orientation focused on that location.
   ▶ In all cases, such programs are approved to be taught outside the U.S. by the
   department head, the dean of the student’s college, SAPPC and the Texas
   Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB).
   ▶ These courses are identified in SIMS and are designated as courses taken
   during a study abroad program on the student’s transcript (see sample
   below). Students are registered at Texas A&M.

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PROGRAM ABROAD: ITALY
PROGRAM:
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
MAJOR: MARKETING
SCOM-325* PERSUASION-STUDY ABROAD B 3.0 9.0
SCOM-335* INTERCULTURAL COMMUNIC B 3.0 9.0
ARTS-350* ARTS & CIVILIZATION A 3.0 12.0
ARTS-111* DRAWING I A 3.0 12.0

2. Courses taken in conjunction with a Reciprocal Educational Exchange Program (REEP)
   ▶ REEPs are developed by the university, the college, or by individual academic
   departments and are formalized by a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA)
   identifying partners in the foreign institution who facilitate academic aspects
of the exchange. Reciprocity is a state requirement in REEPs and annual reports, approved by SAPPC, are made to the state.

- In all cases, such courses are pre-approved by the student's academic department and dean of the student's college.
- Living in another country and attending a college or university with students from that country provides a rich international experience.
- These courses are identified in SIMS and are designated as courses taken during a study abroad program on the student's transcript (see sample below). Students are registered in a Texas A&M holding course, as per state requirements, and these courses are later translated into equivalent Texas A&M courses upon receipt of the foreign transcript.

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PROGRAM ABROAD: SWITZERLAND, UNIVERSITE DE LAUSANNE

FREN-485*    DIRECTED STUDIES                C      3.0  6.0
FREN-311*    ADV ORAL EXPRESSION           B      3.0  9.0
MODL-485*   DIRECTED STUDIES                B      3.0  9.0
FREN-285*    DIRECTED STUDIES   B      3.0  9.0

3. Courses taken in another country through direct enrollment in another institution
   (Students are not enrolled at Texas A&M in this type of international study experience.)
   - In all cases, the courses are pre-approved by the student's academic department and dean of the student's college. This credit transfer paperwork and process are coordinated through the Study Abroad Program Office.
   - Living in another country and attending a college or university with students from that country provides a rich international experience.
   - Students enrolled in these pre-approved independent courses are exempt from Texas A&M's requirement to be re-admitted if they are gone for only one academic semester.
   - These courses are identified in SIMS and are designated as courses taken during a study abroad program on the student's transcript (see sample below). Note that the courses appear differently on SIMS and the transcript as the previously mentioned types of study abroad activities because the credit is transferred from another university.

HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS:

UNIVERSITY OF AMSTERDAM                   09/01 - 12/01

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TRANSFER CREDIT:

UNIVERSITY OF AMSTERDAM

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**TRANSFER CREDIT TOTAL** 9.0

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