3. Change in Curriculum

**College of Liberal Arts**
Interdepartmental Degree Program
B.A. in International Studies
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Sandra Williams  
Academic Support Services

THROUGH: Claude Gibson, Chair  
College of Liberal Arts Undergraduate Instruction Committee

THROUGH: Pamela Matthews, Associate Dean  
College of Liberal Arts

FROM: Michael L. Greenwald, Director  
International Studies Degree Program

RE: Reduction in Hours for INTS Degree

The International Studies Degree Program proposes to reduce the state-mandate number of hours for a degree in INTS to 120 hrs from its current requirement of 135 hrs.

After consulting with Roy Mitchell, Senior Academic Advisor for the College of Liberal Arts, INTS reduction in hours will be accomplished by:

a. a 3-hour reduction in the language requirements (from 23 to 20)
b. reducing other current requirements for the INTS major, some of which may be satisfied by taking Core Curriculum requirements.

The INTS major will now consist of:

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<th>Requirement</th>
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<td>TAMU Core Curriculum requirements</td>
<td>49 hrs</td>
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<td>INTS Major Requirements (including 20 hrs of language)</td>
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<td>General Electives</td>
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**TOTAL HOURS** 120 hrs
Curriculum in
International Studies

The International Studies (INTS) degree provides an interdisciplinary curriculum that captures the broad range of social, political, cultural and economic forces at play in an increasingly interdependent world. Students take courses in a number of different departments. These are linked by language, topic and region. INTS majors must take (1) a minimum of 23 credit hours of a foreign language at the college level; (2) 18 hours of core courses, including an introductory course and senior seminar; (3) 24 hours in one of five tracks or topic areas: International Politics and Diplomacy, International Commerce, International Environmental Studies, International Communication and Media, and International Arts and Culture; and (4) 12 hours of area studies in courses related to Latin America, Europe, Africa and the Middle East, or Asia. Class work is enhanced by a related international experience with an emphasis on cultural and language immersion. Students must spend at least 14 continuous weeks abroad studying in an academic program or working for internship credit in a business, government agency or non-profit organization. Upon graduation, INTS majors will have the language proficiency, analytical skills, substantive knowledge and cultural sensitivity necessary for work in government, academia or international business.

INSERT ABOVE:
...a fall or spring semester, or an approved (prior to departure) summer program of no less than 10 weeks...

Rationale: It is difficult to find 14 week summer programs; students in the Corps of Cadets may only go abroad during the summer; the current exchange rate is pricing many students out of a 14 week international experience; many international visas are valid for only 90 days.