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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mary T. Treviño, Associate VP of Academic Affairs

THROUGH: Oscar Reyna, University Registrar *OR*

THROUGH: Rosie Dickinson, Director of Admissions *RD*

THROUGH: Dr. Jaime Ortiz, Associate VP for International Programs *JOS*

FROM: Lola O. Norris, Director International Language Institute *LO*

DATE: January 3, 2007

RE: Requested Catalog Entry for ILI Foreign Language courses to fulfill TAMIU foreign language requirement

As per attached memo approved by Dr. Dan Jones, Provost and Vice-President for Academic Affairs on November 11, 2006, I would like to request the TAMIU catalog be amended to indicate that students may fulfill their foreign language requirement by taking two foreign language courses at the ILI.

Under the header Foreign Language Requirement (page 71 of the current 2006-2008 catalog), please add a fourth option to demonstrate beginning college-level proficiency in a foreign language. For example:

4. Completion of two foreign language courses in one language with a C or better from the International Language Institute, Division of International Programs, at Texas A&M International University.



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Date: December 1, 2005

Re: ILI Foreign Language courses to fulfill TAMIU foreign language requirement

Texas A&M International University's 2005-2006 catalog states "students seeking admission to TAMIU must demonstrate beginning college-level proficiency in one foreign language." Beginning college proficiency is defined as (1) a minimum grade of "C" in 6 SCH in one foreign language, (2) three years of high school study of a single foreign language and a minimum grade of 80; or (3) CLEP, University of Wisconsin, or AP exams scores that award 6 SCH in one foreign language.

The International Language Institute (ILI) offers Italian, Japanese, Arabic, and Mandarin courses for continuing education credits (CEU). The current ILI curriculum includes two beginner courses and two intermediate courses for each language (see attached sample description). Each course is a semester long and consists of 45 contact hours (equivalent to 3 SCH). There is also an additional laboratory requirement. Students successfully completing these courses receive a certificate of completion and 4.5 CEUs per course.

In light of the fact that TAMIU's foreign language requirement is a prerequisite and not a requirement of the core curriculum, I request that students who take two ILI foreign language courses (Beginning I and Beginning II) in a single foreign language be allowed to count them towards the fulfillment of the foreign language requirement. Upon completion of Beginning I and II with a "C" or better, the ILI will issue a "Foreign Language Requirement Waiver." Students interested in having the ILI courses count towards their foreign language requirement will present the waiver at the appropriate University office. This change will increase the foreign language options for TAMIU students and internationalize our campus.

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