


UC 10783 105

To: Undergraduate Council
From: Sarah Fishman, Associate Dean, CLASS 
CC: Jeanette Morales
Date: 3/10/2010
Re: Request to Delete Outdated CLASS Course Limitation from Catalog

APPROVED APR 21 2010

RECEIVED MAR 14 2010

The CLASS Undergraduate Studies Committee approved the proposal last week to remove item #4 from the College's list of Course Limitations and Restrictions, which limits course credit by special examination credit for CLASS if a student has ever enrolled in course work in that field of study at the University of Houston or any other accredited college or university. This restriction most often impacts students with prior knowledge of a language, often 'heritage' Spanish students, who were not able to take a placement examination at the community college level because community colleges do not offer placement exams for language courses. Our language units however **require** all students to take such an examination prior to registering for any language class. This prevents heritage students from registering in the introductory level language courses, which creates any number of problems for the instructors and leaves real novices at a serious disadvantage. Removing restriction #4 will greatly assist the language departments as they work to place students in the proper level. The examination places students in the appropriate level. They can then petition for credit for the levels they have skipped. This does not differ from a student getting AP credit for knowledge they attained, in high school or otherwise, in other disciplines. Students can take the AP without having taken a course. CLASS unanimously approved this proposal. The revision involves simply deleting number 4 from the list and re-numbering the remaining Limitations/Restrictions.

Section: CLASS General Degree Information

Proposed revision to Course Limitations and Restrictions

Delete the following CLASS restriction:

4. Students shall not receive course credit by special examination in any field of study in CLASS if they have ever enrolled in course work in that field of study at the University of Houston or any other accredited college or university.

Reference information

Link to Catalog Section:

<http://www.uh.edu/academics/catalog/colleges/las/majors/gen/index.php#lim>