

UC 11629 11F

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Undergraduate Council

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Academic Policies and Procedures Committee

SUBJECT: UC 11348 11F: Proposal for Chinese Course Placement With Appropriate Advanced Placement Test Scores in Chinese

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as amended.

The Academic Policies and Procedures Committee met on Wednesday, November 2 and again on Wednesday, November 9 to consider a proposal to award course credit for students who demonstrate language proficiency with appropriate Advanced Placement Test scores in the Chinese language. Participating in one or more of the discussions were committee members Leonard Bachman, Bill Dupre, Tamara Fish, Richard Scamell, Kevin Simon and Jerry Waite. Sharon Wen attended the November 2 meeting as a guest.

Discussion

The original version of UC 11348 11F appeared as follows:

Score	Recommendation	UH Credit Course	Placement
3	5 hours Elementary Chinese I	CHNS 1501	CHNS 1502
4	5 hours Elementary Chinese II 3 hours Intermediate Chinese I	CHNS 1502 CHNS 2301	CHNS 2302
5	3 hours Intermediate Chinese I 3 hours Intermediate Chinese II	CHNS 2301 CHNS 2302	CHNS 3301

After considerable discussion between members of the committee and Professor Wen, the proposal was modified to eliminate placing a student who scores a 3 on the AP test in Chinese in CHNS 1502: Elementary Chinese II. Instead, students who score a 3 on the AP test in Chinese will be required to start in CHNS 1501: Elementary Chinese I – the first course in the program. As a result, the revised proposal appears as follows:

Score	Recommendation	UH Credit Course	Placement
4	5 hours Elementary Chinese II 3 hours Intermediate Chinese I	CHNS 1502 CHNS 2301	CHNS 2302
5	3 hours Intermediate Chinese I 3 hours Intermediate Chinese II	CHNS 2301 CHNS 2302	CHNS 3301

Under this proposal students who score a 4 on the AP test in Chinese 4 would (a) be placed in CHNS 2302: Intermediate Chinese II and (b) receive three hours of University of Houston credit for CHNS 2301: Intermediate Chinese I. Students who score a 5 on the AP test in Chinese would (a) be placed in CHNS 3301: Advanced Mandarin Chinese if either majoring or minoring in Chinese and (b) receive six hours of University of Houston credit for CHNS 2301: Intermediate Chinese I and CHNS 2302: Intermediate Chinese II.

Thus students in the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences choosing to satisfy the foreign language requirement by taking two years of Chinese and who score a 4 on the AP test in Chinese would be required to complete 3 hours of coursework (CHNS 2302) to satisfy the foreign language requirement. Students who score a 5 on the AP test in Chinese would be viewed as having satisfied the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences foreign language requirement.

Recommendation

The Committee unanimously recommends approval of UC 11348 11F as revised.