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LSC APPROVAL: July 27, 1989

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING between the Liberal Studies Committee and Robert L. Morris, Interim Dean for International Programs

SUBJECT: Applicability of International Exchange/Study Abroad to the Liberal Studies Non-Western Culture Requirement

According to Criteria for Liberal Studies Courses at IUP (May 1988), "an approved exchange/study abroad program, which meets the general criteria of the non-Western requirements, may meet the requirement of the Liberal Studies program." (p. 14)

For the purposes of this requirement, "non-Western cultures" are those differing substantially from the "prevailing cultures of the United States, Canada, Western Europe, New Zealand, and Australia."

Any of the following credit-bearing programs, administered by the Dean for International Programs, will satisfy the Liberal Studies non-Western requirement:

(1) IUP-sponsored group study in a non-Western country. A list of established programs that have ongoing Liberal Studies approval will be maintained in both the Liberal Studies and International Programs offices; this information will also be noted in the Catalog and promotional brochures. As additional international programs are established, they will be submitted to the LSC for approval. Beginning January 1990, the following programs are approved:

- Poona, India (Spring semester, 10 weeks/12sh)
- Pecs, Hungary (Full semester, 15sh; or Summer, 6 weeks/6sh)
- Jalapa, Mexico (Summer, 3-6 weeks/3-6sh)
- Ibadan, Nigeria (Full semester, 15sh; or Summer, 6 weeks/6sh)
- Beijing, China (Full semester, 15sh; or Summer, 4 weeks/3sh)
- Nicosia, Cyprus (Full semester, 15sh; or Summer, 6 weeks/6sh)

(2) Study abroad in a non-Western culture through the International Student Exchange Program (ISEP). At the time the student arranges such an exchange, the Dean for International Programs will indicate whether it falls within the Liberal Studies definition of "non-Western." [IUP is the SSHE coordinator for ISEP and under its auspices offers exchange opportunities in approximately 100 locations, many of which are non-Western.]

(3) Other individually arranged plans, made in advance with the Dean for International Programs, for credit-bearing study in a non-Western culture. These might include, but not be limited to, formal, resident study (minimum 3wks/3sh) or less formal, individualized study-travel (average 6 wks/3sh). Non-western approval will be given in advance on a one-by-one basis by the Dean for International Programs and the Director of Liberal Studies on

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the basis of the following written information: (1) objectives of the study; (2) activities; (3) location; (4) duration; (5) number of credits; (6) basis for evaluation; and (7) name of faculty member responsible for monitoring and assigning grade. Copies of this information will be sent to the student's adviser, department chairperson, and dean.

(3) Transfer credit involving an exchange or study abroad program in a non-Western culture. Approval procedures will be those currently established for evaluating transfer credit.

cc: Ronald Juliette, UWUCC chairperson

October 26, 1989

Memorandum of Understanding between the Liberal Studies Committee and Victor S. Drescher, Director of IUP Critical Languages Program.

Subject: "Applicability of Critical Language Program courses to the non-Western cultures requirement in the Liberal Studies program"

According to Criteria for Liberal Studies Courses at IUP (May 1988), non-Western cultures are those differing substantially from the "prevailing cultures of the United States, Canada, Western Europe, New Zealand, and Australia."

Through IUP's Critical Languages Program, students have an opportunity to spend up to four semesters studying a non-Western language and culture with the assistance of a native-speaking tutor.

The following languages, which have been or are being offered at IUP through the Critical Languages Program, are defined for the purposes of this requirement as non-Western. Completion of level II or above\* in one of these languages will fulfill the Liberal Studies non-Western requirement:

Arabic	Japanese
Chinese	Modern Greek
Hindi	Turkish
Hungarian	

Other non-Western Critical Languages may be offered on request in the future, provided that a tutor and materials are available. Should this occur, a ruling on whether the language is "non-Western" and provides sufficient cultural context will be made by concurrence of the Director of IUP Critical Languages Program and the Director of Liberal Studies.

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\*Given the rather mechanical nature of language learning at level I, we are requiring the completion of level II in order to satisfy the non-Western culture requirement. We think the second semester is necessary in order to guarantee that there will be adequate exposure to the cultural context in order to justify the satisfaction of the requirement.

Addendum: We are not approving any Critical Language courses for Liberal Studies Elective credit. Because of the tutorial nature of the instruction, students must be highly self-motivated for this program to work well. Although we believe completion of Level II or above should be considered fulfillment of the non-Western requirement, we do not wish to add any further inducement by giving Liberal Studies Elective credit; it is important that students enroll in these courses because they have a strong desire to study the language rather than a need to fulfill a requirement.