

FLORIDA BOARD OF EDUCATION

November 19-20, 2001

SUBJECT: St. Petersburg College Out-of-District Requests

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

For implementation beginning the 2002 Summer Semester, St. Petersburg College is seeking initial approval of a variety of international study courses included in the following program areas:

- History and Art in Spain/France Program
- Contemporary Business and Marketing in Europe Program
- The History Program
- The Generational European Program
- The Arts Study Program
- The Cambridge University Program
- The Israel Generational Program

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Section 240.311, Florida Statutes, is a broad statute that defines the powers and duties of the State Board of Community Colleges. These duties were transferred to the FBOE as a function of the Type II transfer that occurred in SB 1162. Listed within the powers and duties is the responsibility to review and approve all out-of-district instructional courses requested by community colleges. Specifically, subsection (3)(o)2., F.S., states, "The review shall also include all courses offered by a community college outside its district. Courses offered outside the home district which are not approved by the State Board of Community Colleges shall not be counted for funding purposes or to meet enrollment assignments."

Supporting Documentation Included: Short historical description of this activity, and a listing of courses up for approval within each subject area.

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**OUT-OF-DISTRICT PROCEDURES IN THE
FLORIDA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM
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Since 1985, the Florida Community College System has implemented guidelines and procedures pursuant to Section 240.311, Florida Statutes, for institutions to follow with regard to teaching courses outside the colleges' home districts. These procedures were developed for the following reasons:

- To assure that courses taught outside a college's assigned county area were approved by the president in whose district the courses were being taught.
- To assure that courses taught in other states or countries maintained the same academic rigor as courses taught at the local campus.
- To assure that all courses taught outside the district are consistent with the college's mission.
- To assure that the planned out-of-state experience relates to the course objectives.
- To assure that the course is classified correctly in accordance with the Community College Information Classification Structure and that the course is registered in the state's Common Course Numbering System.
- To assure that the number of credits assigned to the course is consistent with the institution's standard load policy.
- To assure that student learning activities will be evaluated.

Historically, as part of this process, all out-of-district requests were approved by the local board of trustees and then were forwarded for approval by the former State Board of Community Colleges. Colleges may seek initial approval for one year or approval for an additional three years. Through Type II transfer, the Florida Board of Education (FBOE) has assumed the responsibilities of the former State Board of Community Colleges (SBCC) and will maintain responsibility for approving these requests until such time as a decision is reached on where appropriate authority should be placed for these transactions. At the final meeting of the SBCC, the Board members delegated approval authority to David Armstrong for this administrative function until the FBOE was functional.

Staff members at the Division of Community Colleges continue to examine the forms as they are received and evaluate the accompanying syllabi and other support materials to assure that courses are of sufficient academic rigor.

Out-of-District Requests for Florida Board of Education Approval November 19-20, 2001

St. Petersburg College is requesting approval to offer 24 courses included in seven international study programs. The majority of the courses satisfy general education requirements.

The History and Art in Spain and France Program (July 10 – August 3, 2002) Locations: Spain and France. Included in the program are:

- EUH 1000, Western Civilization I;
- ARH 2051, Art History II;
- SPN 1121, Elementary Spanish II;
- SPN 2200, Intermediate Spanish I;
- SPN 2201, Intermediate Spanish II.

Students extend their knowledge of western history through the observation of artwork, architecture, monuments, and principal sites, while studying the events and influences that mark the progress of history for centuries.

The Contemporary Business and Marketing in Europe Program (July 11 – August 3, 2002) Locations: Belgium, Germany, Austria, and Switzerland. Included in the program are:

- MAR 1142, Global Marketing;
- MAR 1143, Seminar in Global Marketing;
- GEB 2350, Survey of International Business.

Students are exposed to European manufacturing trade, financial markets, international marketing, and the operation of multinational corporations, thus enabling them to analyze and evaluate concepts of the European marketing and business system.

The History Program (June 11 – June 25, 2002) Locations: England, Germany, France, and Spain. Included in the program are:

- EUH 1000, Western Civilization I
- EUH 1001, Western Civilization II.

Students visit historical areas that made major contributions to change over many centuries as a basis for their study of western civilization.

The Generational European Program (July 5 – July 19, 2002) Locations: England, France, Austria, and Germany. The following course will be offered:

- ARH 1000, Understanding Art.

Students from all generational levels are given the opportunity to study various European cultural activities and art forms.

The Arts Study Program (June 13 – August 2, 2002) Locations: Italy, Austria, France, and England. Included in the program are:

- ARH 2050, Art History I;
- ARH 2051, Art History II;
- HUM 2210, Western Humanities I;
- HUM 2230, Western Humanities II;
- CRW 2000, Creative Writing;
- EUH 1000, Development of Western Civilization I;
- SOP 2002, Social Psychology;
- THE 2000, Introduction to Theatre Arts.

Students observe original art forms and visit historical sites, museums, and famous monuments in major cities of Europe.

The Cambridge University Program (July 8 – August 17, 2002) Location: Cambridge, England.

Included in the program are:

- ARH 2051, Art History II;
- HUM 2210, Western Humanities I;
- LIT 2090, Contemporary Literature;
- ENL 2012, British Literature I.

Students are given the opportunity to attend a prestigious university, participate in courses, and attend a major plenary lecture series presented by outstanding speakers.

The Israel Generational Program (July 16 – August 2, 2002) Locations: various sites in Israel
The one course offered for this program is:

- REL 2600, The Jewish Experience.

Students of all generational levels learn about Jewish history, the uniqueness of the Jewish traditions, and their contributions to western civilization.

Courses are commonly scheduled in regular class sessions prior to departure for Europe with accredited full-time faculty. Additionally, some courses actually meet in Europe and are held at various locations depending on the individual program. For example, the Cambridge Program offers their courses on the University of Cambridge Campus. Other programs have their instructors meet with the students daily as they visit historical sites. Methods of instruction include traditional class lecture, discussion, special presentations by experts at the location, and written projects such as journals, research papers, and other written assignments. Individual student progress is monitored constantly while abroad.

All of these courses, which are included in the Florida Community College System course-code classification system and in the Florida Statewide Course Numbering System, are recommended for approval by the Florida Board of Education.