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MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. June P. Youatt, Associate Provost for Undergraduate
Education and Dean of Undergraduate Studies

FROM: Dr. Linda O. Stanford, Associate Provost for Academic Services
and University Registrar

RE: University Level Graduation Requirements – Writing Requirement

With the recent establishment of the Residential College in the Arts and Humanities (RCAH) and the review of its proposed curriculum by academic governance during Spring 2006, the University-level graduation requirements need to be updated in light of the writing requirement established by the RCAH to fulfill the University Tier I writing requirement.

Two courses were developed in the RCAH to fulfill the University-level writing requirement for graduation, RCAH 111 and 112. These courses were developed using the guidelines provided for the Implementation of the University's Tier I Writing Requirement for Bachelor's Degrees.

The following statement needs to be added in the *Undergraduate Education* section of *Academic Programs*, Graduation Requirements, Writing Requirement:

Under the heading **Writing Requirement**, in item 1. b., add the following paragraph:

For students who are enrolled in the Residential College in the Arts and Humanities, the completion of Residential College in the Arts and Humanities 111 and 112 satisfies the University Tier I writing requirement.

The request referenced above is being sent to you for action by the University Committee on Academic Policy (UCAP). You may wish to request that Steve Esquith, Acting Dean of the RCAH, be present to represent the college.

UCAP Response Requested:

Please ask the UCAP to consider the request of revising the Writing Requirement referenced above at its meeting on September 14, 2006.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

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Writing Requirement

Each student must complete the University's writing program requirements as follows:

1. The Tier I writing requirement that consists of *either* a. or b. below.
 - a. one 4-credit Tier I writing course during the first year, or
 - b. the developmental writing courses (Writing, Rhetoric and American Cultures 0102 and 1004) and one 4 credit Tier I writing course during the first year.

Based on the English placement mechanism, a student may be required to complete the developmental writing courses prior to enrolling in a Tier I writing course. The developmental writing courses are administered by the Department of Writing, Rhetoric and American Cultures. For additional information, refer to the statement on *Academic Placement Tests*.

New freshmen who have taken the College Board Advanced Placement Examination in English should consult the statement on *Academic Placement Tests*. Transfer students should consult the statement on *Transfer Student Admission*.

For students who are enrolled in James Madison College, the completion of James Madison College 111 and 112 satisfies the University Tier I writing requirement.

For students who are enrolled in Lyman Briggs School, the completion of Lyman Briggs School 133 satisfies the University Tier I writing requirement. ~~The other Tier I writing courses~~ are as follows: Writing, Rhetoric and American Cultures: 110, 115, 120, 125, 130, 135, 140, 145, 150, 195H; and Arts and Letters 192 and 192H.

A student who completes the Tier I writing course with a grade of 0.0 must repeat the course. A student who completes the Tier I writing course with a grade of 1.0 or 1.5 must enroll in the 2-credit writing tutorial (AL 201) concurrently with IAH 201.

2. The Tier II writing requirement for the student's academic major and degree program. This requirement involves writing in the student's discipline and is met by completing *either*:
 - a. one or more 300-400 level Tier II writing courses as specified for the student's academic major and degree program, or
 - b. a cluster of 300-400 level courses that involve writing experiences and that are approved as the Tier II writing requirement for the student's academic major and degree program.

For students who are enrolled in the Residential College in the Arts and Humanities, the completion of Residential College in the Arts and Humanities 111 and 112 satisfies the University Tier I writing requirement.