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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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Dr. Belle S. Wheelan, President
Commission on Colleges
Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
1866 Southern Lane
Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097

Dear Dr. Wheelan,

I am writing to notify you that The University of Texas at Arlington (UT Arlington) is seeking approval from The University of Texas System and The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for a new Bachelor of Arts in Critical Languages and International Studies to begin in August 2012. This degree will prepare students in Texas for competitive careers in global affairs, government service, and international business, with an emphasis on less-commonly taught languages and cultures of critical significance.

The program will offer three options: Chinese, Russian and German. In addition to the 44-hour UT Arlington core curriculum, students will complete 17 hours of required courses, including an introduction to International Studies and the introductory language sequence appropriate for the option they have chosen. They will also complete 24 hours of prescribed electives from among the upper-division courses in the Liberal Arts, Science, or Business Administration with a global focus. Finally, they will complete 17 hours of free electives from among a variety of UT Arlington courses, also with a strong global theme. Additionally, students in this program will have the opportunity to complete 15 hours to earn a certificate in Translation and Localization, or other applicable minor to accompany their major field of study.

UT Arlington has a long history of providing language, culture, and area studies courses, certificates, and degrees. This new degree re-conceptualizes and re-contextualizes many courses that are already taught at the university. The only new course that will be developed for the degree is GLOBAL 2301, Introduction to Global Issues. This course will offer a comparative perspective on a broad range of cultural, economic, political, and social issues confronting a globalized world today. It is designed to draw attention to the multifaceted connections among nation-states, nongovernmental organization, ethnic, cultural and religious groups, and populations around the world.

Please let me know if the Commission requires additional information.

Sincerely,

James D. Spaniolo
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