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Dr. Belle S. Wheelan, President
Commission on Colleges
Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
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Dear Dr. Wheelan:

I am writing to notify the Commission on Colleges of The University of Texas at Arlington's intent to offer two new certificates beginning in Fall 2008, a Certificate in Law Enforcement Administration and a Certificate in Law Legal Studies.

The curriculum leading to the Certificate in Law Enforcement Administration consists of five online undergraduate courses already offered by the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice at UT Arlington. These courses are Introduction to Criminal Justice, Ethnic and Gender Issues in Criminal Justice, American Judicial Systems, Comparative Criminal Justice Systems, and Criminal Careers and Behavior Systems. Students applying to this program will be admitted as special students. In order to be considered for the UT Arlington program, students must have completed four specific courses offered by the Institute for Law Enforcement Administration (ILEA), which is one of seven institutes within the Center for American and International Law in Plano, Texas. These courses are considered pre-requisites, but are not accepted for credit by UT Arlington.

The Certificate in Law Legal Studies is for persons working in the legal field. To receive the certificate, students must complete five courses (15 credit hours) already offered by the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice. These courses include Introduction to Criminal Justice, Advanced Criminal Procedure, American Judicial Systems and any two of the following courses: Forensic Psychology, Capital Punishment, Actual Innocent and Wrongful Convictions or The Innocence Project Practicum.

UT Arlington has offered bachelor's degrees in Criminology/Criminal Justice for many years, and the new certificates represent re-packaging of existing courses.

Please let me know if the Commission requires additional information.

Sincerely,

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