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COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. 508
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BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. 508
COUNTY OF COOK AND STATE OF ILLINOIS

RESOLUTION
ADOPTING ASSOCIATE IN ARTS DEGREE WORLD LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT
REVISIONS TO THE ACADEMIC POLICY AND PROCEDURES MANUAL
OF THE CITY COLLEGES OF CHICAGO

WHEREAS, the Illinois Public Community College Act, as amended, lists the powers and duties of community college districts in the State of Illinois, and states in 110 ILCS 850/3-30, that:

“The board of any community college district has the powers...that may be requisite or proper for the maintenance, operation and development of any college or colleges under the jurisdiction of the board.”

WHEREAS, the City Colleges of Chicago Academic Policy and Procedures Manual has been developed to ensure that protocols for instruction, grading, student advancement and related academic elements are established, reviewed and publicly communicated;

WHEREAS, Section 1.8 of the Rules for the Management and Government of the City Colleges of Chicago (“Rules”), provides for the adoption of policies and states that:

“The Board may adopt, from time to time, policy statements, guidelines, procedures, regulations, collective bargaining agreements, codes of conduct, or similar documents issued for the governance of the Board, the District and the Colleges.”

WHEREAS, the Academic Policy and Procedures Manual has been revised to reflect recent changes in degree requirements for certain academic programs (The Executive Summary and proposed revisions to the Academic Policy and Procedures Manual are attached hereto as Exhibits A and B); and

WHEREAS, the Officers of the District support the revisions to the Academic Policy and Procedures Manual that are being recommended by the Chancellor.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the revisions to the Academic Policy Manual be adopted by the Board of Trustees effective October 6, 2011, and posted on the City Colleges Of Chicago website.

October 6, 2011 – Office of Academic Affairs

EXHIBIT A

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

PROPOSED REVISION TO THE ASSOCIATE IN ARTS DEGREE WORLD LANGUAGE POLICY CITY COLLEGES OF CHICAGO

The proposed changes submitted to the Board of Trustees for the Academic Policy Manual are designed to address the following policy matter:

Index Number 1.10A – Associate in Arts (A.A.) Degree

- The term *foreign language* was changed to *world language*.
- The World Language Policy will allow students to take two courses (a total of 6-8 credit hours) in the same world language in order to complete the requirement.

EXHIBIT B
REVISED SECTIONS OF THE ACADEMIC
POLICY AND PROCEDURES MANUAL

INDEX NUMBER 1.10A

CITY COLLEGES OF CHICAGO
ACADEMIC POLICY

SOURCE OFFICE: Academic Affairs ISSUED BY: W. Watson DATE: 8/89

REVIEWED: 1991, 1998, 2000, 2009, 2010, 2011

REVIEWED BY: ACADEMIC VICE PRESIDENTS, ASSOCIATE VICE CHANCELLORS AND
PROVOST

ISSUER'S SIGNATURE: ON FILE

SUBJECT: Associate in Arts (A.A). Degree

POLICY:

The Associate in Arts degree prepares an individual for transfer to a four-year college or university. The general education and concentration course components are covered under the Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI).

Emphasis in the Associate in Arts degree program is placed on the communications, social sciences, humanities and professional fields. The program requires the successful completion, with a minimum of an overall C (2.00) grade point average of 62 semester hours. However, a student must earn a grade of C or better for all courses used to complete the general education core requirements. All courses submitted for graduation must be numbered 101 or higher and have a PCS code of 1.1 and/or 1.2. While applicable course work with a minimum grade of C may be transferred to any of the City Colleges of Chicago from external institutions, as well as among any of the City Colleges of Chicago, a minimum of 15 semester hours of A.A. degree course work must be earned at the City College awarding the degree in order for an A.A. degree to be awarded with the inclusion of transfer work. The last college at which 15 semester hours are earned will become the college from which the A.A. degree will be awarded, provided all other requirements for the A.A. degree are fulfilled.

Consistent with the IAI model, the City Colleges of Chicago requires that thirty-eight (38) of the total sixty-two (62) semester hours be taken in the General Education areas of: Communications, Mathematics, Humanities and Fine Arts, Social and Behavioral Sciences, and Physical and Life Sciences. The general education component enables students to understand and appreciate their culture and environment, to develop a system of personal values that lead to civic and social responsibility, and to attain skills in communication, computation, and critical thinking necessary for future growth as learners and productive members of society. City Colleges of Chicago policy requires that students earn a minimum grade of C in all general education courses.

Additionally, students must complete with a grade of “C” or better two courses in a world language (formerly known as foreign language) offered at the City Colleges of Chicago or demonstrate competency equivalent to the stated outcomes of a second semester course.

Competency in a world language may be demonstrated in any of four ways;

1. A student may successfully complete with a “C” or better two City Colleges of Chicago courses in the **same** world language (e.g., Spanish 101 and Spanish 102 or Arabic 101 and Arabic 102) to meet the City Colleges of Chicago world language requirement.
2. A student may take one of two proficiency exams in a language offered by the City Colleges of Chicago: College-Level Examination Program® (**CLEP**) exam or the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Language (**ACTFL**®) exam. Students must demonstrate **at least** a **102** proficiency level on either the **CLEP** or the **ACTFL**® exam. Students who have successfully passed either the **CLEP** or the **ACTFL**® exam will have met the City Colleges of Chicago world language requirement for the Associate of Arts (AA) degree.
3. Based upon transcript review, a student may transfer credit earned for at least two courses, in the same world language, from a regionally accredited college or university. The credit earned must be in a world language offered by the City Colleges of Chicago in order to fulfill the City Colleges of Chicago world language requirement for the AA degree.
4. A student may satisfy the world language requirement by earning credits from the College Board Advanced Placement (AP) Exam in a world language offered by the City Colleges of Chicago. A student must receive a 3 or higher on the AP Exam, which is the course equivalent of 8 earned credits, to fulfill the City Colleges of Chicago world language requirement for the AA degree.

The remaining 16 semester hours of elective courses shall be selected to meet the transfer and career goals of the student. However, a student may elect to earn an A.A. degree **without** following any specific area of concentration of study, provided all minimum degree requirements, as stated above are met.

The wording on the diploma for the Associate in Arts degree shall stipulate only the Associate in Arts degree.