TO: University Curriculum Committee
THROUGH: CLA Curriculum Committee
FROM: Sara Lynn Baird, Music Department Chair
DATE: September 12, 2012
RE: AP Credit for MUSI 1310, 1320

Currently students who receive a 3, 4, or 5 on the AP Music Theory test receive credit at Auburn for MUSI 1310 Music Theory I and MUSI 1320 Music Skills I, totaling 3 hours. This is problematic for incoming music and music education majors because sometimes they refuse to take these courses since they already have credit and very often what they have covered for the AP test does not cover everything that is covered in these classes here. Then they have problems with Music Theory II and Skills II which are required courses in the Music Theory/Skills sequence for music and music education majors, as well as music minors.

We would like to request that students who receive a 3, 4, or 5 on the AP Music Theory test not receive automatic Music Theory or Skills credit at Auburn. We will make a placement test available for students who achieve a score of 3, 4, or 5 on the written and aural portions of the AP Music Theory test to award placement credit.

This change is inconsequential for non-music majors or minors because theory and skills do not meet the core fine arts requirement; thus these students don’t have a need for credit in MUSI 1310/20.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

This request was discussed and approved by the Music Education Advisory Committee in a meeting on September 11, 2012 and by the Department of Music Faculty on August 15, 2012.

Jane M. Kuehne, Chair, Music Education Advisory Committee