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**MEMORANDUM** (#AD/06/97-98)

TO: Deans, Associate Deans, Assistant Deans, Chairpersons, and Directors

FROM: Dr. Barbara C. Steidle, Assistant Provost for Undergraduate Education and Academic Services

RE: Implementation of the University's Integrative Studies Requirement for Bachelor's Degrees (excluding the Transcollegiate Course Requirement)\*

On January 15, 1991, the Academic Council approved the Integrative Studies Policy dated January 10, 1991.

The Office of the Provost developed the Integrative Studies statement for the Academic Programs section of the University catalog in accordance with the Academic Council action on January 15, 1991. [For additional information, refer to that statement.]

Requests for new Integrative Studies courses and requests for changes in Integrative Studies courses (excluding Transcollegiate Courses) must be developed within the context of the information that is provided below.

1. Integrative Studies courses in Arts and Humanities; Biological and Physical Sciences; and Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences are to be administered by the Centers for Integrative Studies in the three core colleges. Specifically:
  - a. Integrative Studies in Arts and Humanities courses (identified by the IAH course subject code) are to be administered by the Center for Integrative Studies in Arts and Humanities in the College of Arts and Letters.



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- b. Integrative Studies in Biological Science courses (identified by the ISB course subject code) and Integrative Studies in Physical Science courses (identified by the ISP course subject code) are to be administered by the Center for Integrative Studies in General Science in the College of Natural Science.
  - c. Integrative Studies in Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences courses (identified by the ISS course subject code) are to be administered by the Center for Integrative Studies in Social Science in the College of Social Science.
2. New Integrative Studies courses and changes in approved Integrative Studies courses (excluding Transcollegiate Courses) are to be developed in accordance with the principles and criteria for Integrative Studies referenced in item 1. under the heading Attachments at the end of this memorandum.
  3. Requests for new alternative tracks to Integrative Studies in Biological and Physical Sciences and requests for changes in approved alternative tracks may be submitted in accordance with the memorandum to Assistant/Associate Deans for Curriculum from Dr. Barbara C. Steidle, Assistant Provost for Undergraduate Education and Academic Services, re Implementation of the Integrative Studies Policy: Requests for Alternative Tracks in General Science dated September 26, 1997 (2 pages), and attachments.

Attachments:

1. Sheet headed **Principles and Criteria for Integrative Studies**, attached to which are:
  - a. **GENERAL PRINCIPLES AND CRITERIA FOR THE INTEGRATIVE STUDIES PROGRAM AT MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY.**
  - b. **Principles and Criteria for Integrative Studies Courses, Arts and Humanities.**
  - c. **Principles and Criteria for Integrative Studies Courses, Biological and Physical Sciences** (2 pages).

d. **Principles and Criteria for Integrative Studies Courses,  
Social, Economic and Behavioral Sciences.**

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\*IMPORTANT NOTE: This memorandum is being issued as an update of the portion of the memorandum to Deans, Associate Deans, Assistant Deans, Chairpersons, and Directors from Dr. James B. Hamilton, Assistant Provost for Undergraduate Education, and Dr. Barbara C. Steidle, Assistant Provost for Academic Services, re Implementation of the University's Integrative Studies and Writing Requirements for the Bachelor's Degree dated April 4, 1991 (#A/33/90-91) (7 pages) and attachments that pertain to the Integrative Studies requirement (excluding the Transcollegiate Course requirement).

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