STA 5960 Study Abroad: Exchange Program
New Course Proposal

1. Catalog description
   a) 5960 STA;
   b) Study Abroad: Exchange Program;
   c) Arr.-Arr.-1-16;
   d) F, S, SU;
   e) EIU Exch SA;
   f) Enrollment in an international exchange program. Students pay tuition to EIU. Approval from the Office of Study Abroad is required.
   g) Prerequisite: None
   h) Spring 2006

2. Student Learning Objectives and Evaluation
   a) The student learning objectives of study abroad involve the total person (academic/intellectual, personal, professional, and intercultural). Students will learn the content of the discipline within the context of the culture, in order to broaden awareness, knowledge, and skills. Study abroad courses approved for graduate credit will meet the expectation of graduate coursework in the student's department.
   b) Students will be assessed and credit will be earned based on activities such as projects, reports, research papers, oral presentations, group problem solving, and examinations, etc.
   c) This course is not technology-delivered.
   d) This course is graduate level but not 4750-4999.
   e) This course is not writing-active, writing-intensive, or writing centered.

3. Outline of the Course
   a) The title/content of this course may vary drastically (see attached example). Credit is earned according to the standard University course requirements; 15 contact hours equals one semester credit. Foreign credentials will be evaluated within the guidelines approved by the Illinois State Board of Education, which includes but is not limited to American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (AACRAO) and World Education Services.
   b) Not applicable.

4. Rationale
   a) Purpose and Need: This proposal allows the University to transcript actual study abroad discipline credit for graduate students according to program type (EIU Exchange). Current practices do not allow study abroad coursework to be recorded on student transcripts. Because program type triggers specific administrative/fiscal procedures at the University, having a course which identifies a particular study abroad program type will streamline processes. Program types are described in the Catalog Proposal.
b) Justification of Level: The 5000-level is appropriate for graduate-level coursework and credit.
c) Similarity to Existing Courses: No course currently exists.
d) Impact on Program(s): This course will provide students with the opportunity to study their discipline at the graduate level in a global context. It will make our programs better and more rigorous and fulfill the mission of the institution by providing students with an integrated vision of the world and facilitating the development of global citizens. According to the strategic plan,
it will enhance classroom learning with out-of-classroom experience, increase the opportunities for students to study languages and cultures abroad, and promote a campus environment in which students embrace diversity.

5. Implementation
   a) This course will be taught by faculty at our partner exchange institutions.
   b) No additional costs are built into the course; however, students will incur various expenses by virtue of the international nature of study abroad. Programs costs will be published on the Website and in promotional materials.
   c) Textbook rental policies do not apply.

6. Community College Transfer
   Not applicable.

7. Date approved by the department or school: August 22, 2005

8. Date approved by the college curriculum committee: IPAC Approved September 9, 2005

9. Date approved by CAA _________ CGS: October 4, 2005