FROM: Dr. Cheryl A. Ernst, CESL Director

TO: Prospective CESL Applicants

RE: Enrollment of F-2s in CESL program (Effective March 21, 2011)

The Code of Federal Regulations 8 CFR 214.2 (f) (15) (ii) states that:

1. the F-2 spouse of an F-1 student may not engage in full time study
2. the F-2 spouse may engage in study that is avocational or recreational in nature
3. an F-2 spouse or F-2 child desiring to engage in full time study, other than that allowed for a child in grades kindergarten through twelfth grade must apply for and obtain a change of nonimmigrant classification to F-1, J-1 or M-1 status
4. An F-2 spouse or F-2 child violates his or her nonimmigrant status by engaging in full time study except as outlined above.

The immigration regulations deal with the intent and expressed desire of the F-2 dependent regarding any courses taken while in F-2 status. An F-2 cannot seek to enter a degree program or take a full course load of study while in F-2 status.

CESL recognizes that some F-2 dependents may want to improve their English language skills in order to be able to live more comfortably and efficiently in the U.S. For example, improved English language skills may make it easier to accomplish day to day tasks such as going to the grocery store or bank, etc., and to effectively talk to English-speakers. As part of its desire to help the international community and the larger Carbondale community, CESL will allow F-2 dependents over the age of 18 to audit its classes with the following restrictions:

1. The F-2 dependent must only audit classes at CESL for avocational purposes AND must not intend to enroll in a full-course of study or have a specific educational objective.
2. F-2 dependents will only be allowed to audit a maximum of 10 class hours during each CESL term.
3. The F-2 dependent will have to pay all CESL tuition and fees for the courses audited.
4. The F-2 dependent will receive grade reports for his/her performance in the class/es. All CESL courses and exams taken while in F-2 status will be considered “audited” and, as a result, cannot be used or reported in order to fulfill any admissions requirements to any school. However, grade reports may be sent to a sponsoring agency at the student’s request.
5. CESL will only allow students to take courses in the GE1-AE2 levels, Advanced Communication, and EAP1 and EAP2 Options classes. Students will NOT be allowed to enroll in Core or Writing classes at the EAP1, EAP2, or GSE levels.
6. Any F-2 dependent who wants to enroll in a full-course of study or who wants to attend academic classes at upper levels (Core or Writing classes in the EAP 1, EAP 2 or GSE levels must apply for a change of status to F-1 or J-1 travel abroad and apply for an F-1 or J-1 visa in his/her home country. If a student decides to change to a nonimmigrant status that will allow him/her to study full-time, he/she will no longer be able to audit CESL classes and cannot enroll in CESL classes until that change of status is approved.
7. If a student has changed his/her immigration status to F-1 or J-1, he/she must reenroll in CESL and meet all normal admissions requirements, even if that means that he/she must retake courses previously audited in CESL.

By signing this document you are agreeing to its terms. These terms are non-negotiable and CESL will continue to evaluate this policy. CESL may make changes or discontinue its audit policy at any time.

Dr. Cheryl A. Ernst, CESL Director Date F-2 Dependent (Print and sign your name.) Date