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EMBASSY OF THE STATE OF KUWAIT CULTURAL DIVISION

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ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS FOR KUWAITI STUDENTS IN THE UNITED STATES

- Students on Kuwait Government or agency sponsorship must pursue their studies at a 4-year institution approved by the Kuwait government. Any exception to this regulation must be granted in writing. Lists of approved universities and programs are posted on the Cultural Division website at www.kuwaitculture.com.
- Family funded Kuwaiti students may complete up to two (2) years of study at a 2-year college approved by the Cultural Division. These credits should only be for lower division coursework. Students who have transferred from two year colleges to 4-year universities may NOT return to take courses at the 2-year college.
- Students are required to take all their courses at their home university (the university granting their I-20 and approved for their study). Any exception to this rule must be granted by the Cultural Division.
- Students are allowed to take a maximum of two (2) non-traditional credits (equivalent to 6-8 semester credits) i.e. distance learning, independent study, credit by examination. However, these credits are not allowed for English or Mathematics. **Further, these credits must be taken at the student's home university.**
- Scholarship students must provide a degree or study plan once they are admitted to an academic program. They are expected to adhere to the study plan, taking courses in a timely manner and in proper sequence.
- Students are not allowed to change majors.
- Each student is expected to have an information release form on file both at the university and the Cultural Division. This will facilitate communication on the progress of the students between these two parties.

All scholarship or supervised students must follow the rules and stated above. Private, unsupervised students who seek certification of their degrees by this office must also follow these rules. Credits/degrees will not be certified if a student disregards these rules.