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MEMORANDUM

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TO: Faculty+Staff: (1) Modern Langs, (2) Classics, and (3) Comp. & World Lit.

FROM: Frederik Green & Xiao Yang
Co-Advisors for the Foreign Language Honor Society Phi Sigma Iota

RE: Foreign Language Honor Society (Phi Sigma Iota) Seeking Eligible Applicants

The **PHI SIGMA IOTA International Foreign Language Honor Society** seeks eligible graduate and undergraduate (juniors/senior) students majoring in your field for initiation into the S.F.S.U. chapter of the society. GPA and course enrollment restrictions apply (see 2nd page for details).

The PHI SIGMA IOTA International Foreign Language Honor Society is ***the highest academic honor in the field of foreign languages***. The Honor Society recognizes outstanding ability and achievement in the study of, or teaching of, any of the academic fields related to foreign language, literature, or culture. The most immediate and permanent benefit of Phi Sigma Iota membership is *national recognition of the level of achievement it identifies*. Other benefits include:

- a national network with over 50,000 members
- participation in a learning community to broaden horizons
- eligibility for all membership programs organized or sponsored by the Society;
- eligibility to apply for the scholarship programs offered by the Society

Application deadline is **Wednesday, April 13th (by 4pm)**, and an initiation ceremony for candidates accepted will be held on Friday, April 29th (details to be announced).

Eligible students need to have completed at least one semester at S.F.S.U. and have at least a 3.5 GPA in their major. For a complete list of requirements, please refer to page 2 of this memo. Faculty do not need to verify a student's eligibility.

To join PHI SIGMA IOTA, please have the student send or deliver (1) an unofficial transcript, (2) a check for \$40 payable to **University Corporation, SF State**, and (3) contact details including (a) name, (b) mailing address, (c) telephone and (d) email to

Dr. Frederik Green
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San Francisco State University, 1600 Holloway Avenue
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PHI SIGMA IOTA *International Foreign Language Honor Society*

NOMINATION CRITERIA

Undergraduate Students

YEAR OF STUDY	Junior or senior year
SFSU AFFILIATION	Need to have completed at least one semester at SFSU
MAJOR/MINOR REQUIREMENT	Declared major or minor in Modern Languages, Classics or World and Comparative Literature
COURSE REQUIREMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Students of Classics:<ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) If your major includes introductory sequences in two languages [i.e., some combination of Greek, Latin or Sanskrit], you need to have completed at least one course at the 400 level;(b) If your major includes only one language [i.e., Greek, Latin or Sanskrit], you need to have completed at least two courses at the 400 level or above in one language;■ Students of Modern Languages and World/Comparative Literature:<ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) You need to have completed at least 4 courses at the 300 level or above in the same language
GRADE POINT AVERAGE (GPA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ At least a 3.0 GPA at SFSU■ At least a 3.5 GPA in major or minor
WITHDRAWALS	Not more than one withdrawal in two full semesters prior to applying

Graduate Students

SFSU AFFILIATION	You need to have completed at least one semester at SFSU
SUBJECT REQUIREMENT	Graduate student status in Department of Modern Languages, Classics or World and Comparative Literature
COURSE REQUIREMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ ALL STUDENTS: You need to have completed at least 2 courses at the 700 or 800 level in your home department.■ STUDENTS IN MODERN LANGUAGES AND/OR WORLD AND COMPARATIVE LITERATURE: The language of instruction of the aforementioned courses must be in a language other than English.
GRADE POINT AVERAGE (GPA)	At least a 3.5 GPA in graduate work at SFSU
WITHDRAWALS	Not more than one withdrawal in two full semesters prior to applying

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Send or hand-deliver application to

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1600 Holloway Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94132 [on campus, hand-deliver to HUM 475]

Eligible candidates will receive an acceptance letter by Monday, April 25. An induction ceremony and reception will take place on Friday, April 29, 2:00-3:30pm, in room HUM 473. (Details to be announced).