



GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY

Office of International Programs

Kate Billings
Office of International Programs
Georgetown University

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Dear Ms. Billings:

I write in reference to Mr. Olivier Charlot, an exchange student from France currently studying at Georgetown.

Olivier's major field of study is Government and he is particularly interested in Latin American studies. He enrolled in GOVT-421, Democracy & Social Change in the Andes, a course which requires an intermediate level of reading ability in Spanish. Olivier has taken several Spanish courses at his home university in France and met with Professor Chernick prior to the beginning of the semester to discuss his level of reading comprehension. Professor Chernick agreed to allow Olivier to register for the course despite his limited background in the Spanish language.

Despite private tutoring and several out of class meetings with Professor Chernick, Olivier's level of Spanish comprehension continues to limit his understanding of the more complex concepts included in the course materials. Because of this language issue, Professor Chernick and I agree that Olivier was improperly placed in this course. I therefore request that Olivier be granted authorization from his International Student Advisor to drop this course.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 202-687-5867.

Sincerely,

Lisa Gordinier

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Academic Advisor for Exchange Students