**Diagnostic Assignment**

Choose any subject that is not currently a program of study at your university, and write a letter to the university president recommending the addition of that subject to the university’s curriculum. You can propose a new course within an existing department or the creation of an entirely new department. You might suggest, for example, founding a veterinary school; establishing a department devoted to the study of comics; or offering courses on carpentry, the history of the Olympics, or body art. Be creative in your choice, and consider choosing something that is of personal interest to you or relevant to your potential major.

In two or three well-structured paragraphs, describe and justify the value of the subject you are proposing. Why should this new course (or set of courses, if you are recommending the formation of a new department) be part of the university curriculum? Why is the subject important? How would students benefit? What would they learn? Why do you think there are not already course offerings in this subject?

Keep in mind that your primary audience is the university president, but that you may also need to persuade other university administrators (such as the Dean of the Faculty of Humanities or the Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences), donors, faculty members, and students. This letter is an exercise in academic writing, so the tone should be formal. Write clearly and concisely, and organise your paragraphs so that your ideas flow in a logical order.